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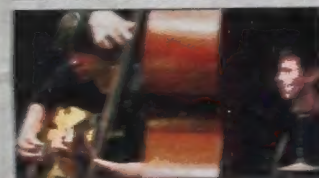
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BIA is back and full of ideas

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

A long-lost enthusiasm among
Minden's business elite was
revived recently with the hopes
that a newly invigorated, and fully
operational, Business Improve-
ment Area is about to have its
presence felt.

Hosted by Minden Hills Reeve
Jim McMahon, who is also a local
business owner, the first of many
meetings was held last week in
council chambers with local busi-
ness owners. It was a collection of
familiar faces from mainly the
downtown core of Minden who
fleshed out the revival of the
comatose BIA.

Unlike a business association or
a chamber of commerce whose
membership is voluntary, BIAs
operate under the auspices of both
local and provincial governments.
The provincial Ministry of
Municipal Affairs and Housing
states that BIA fees are collected
by the local municipality, who
impose a special levy, determined
by a BIA budget that is approved

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Sneaker patrol

Auxiliary Sergeant Dick Schell helps students from Archie Stouffer Elementary School and members of the community cross Bobcaygeon Road so they can continue their Sneaker Day walk. "Great little event," Schell said. "Meet a lot of people. Gets people off the couch." More pictures page 3.

Politicians hope help is on the way

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

As municipalities around the
province struggle to find desper-
ately-needed funds for a growing
list of downloaded services, the
provincial legislature is offering a
glimmer of hope.

Bill 42 proposes to establish an
Eastern Ontario Economic
Development Fund that would

provide local governments and
businesses easier access to
provincial dollars. It unanimously
passed its second reading in the
provincial legislature last week.
All that's left is for the bill to be
called and passed by the govern-
ment's finance committee and
then to pass a third reading in the
legislature.

The need for such a fund is jus-
tified, says local Conservative

MPP Laurie Scott who voted in
favour of Bill 42 last week.

"We've got great people and
great natural resources in Eastern
Ontario, but they need that little
extra investment so that they can
develop and further attract jobs,"
she says. "Our taxes [in Eastern
Ontario] tend to be higher
because we don't have the tax
base; we need more industries."

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Walk for Water: you've got to dig it

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Ron Reid has seen first-hand
the difference a few dollars can
make. He knows that while
Minden and India couldn't be
further apart, Minden has played
a significant role in improving
the lives of people half a world
away.

This past February, Reid trav-
elled to India to see for himself
some of the more than 600 wells
that he and other Help a Village

Effort (HAVE) volunteers have
helped put in place to bring clean
drinking water to thousands of
India's poorest people.

"Seeing the wells made me feel
incredibly proud, but I was also
enlightened by the people living
in the villages," Reid says of his
trip. "It was wonderful to meet
the people that you're helping.
They were very appreciative, too."

"I remember one afternoon we
visited a village where HAVE
had put in a well about four years
ago. When we got out of the car,
there were about 400 people sur-

rounding us, and thanking us
over and over again because the
health of the children and the
wellfare of the community and the
growth of the community had
flourished since they didn't have
to walk four to 10 kilometres a
day for water."

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water to some of the world's
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of water, it was also a way of

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Get summer active by trying out variety of activities

While summer hasn't officially arrived, local residents can get into the spirit of the season a bit early by becoming SummerActive.

SummerActive is a nation-wide campaign that gives people the opportunity to win prizes just by being physically active between May 12 and June 21. In Haliburton County, there is plenty of opportunity to get SummerActive by taking part in any of the following

FREE events;

- Lace up your sneakers and join the annual Minden Sneaker Day walk on Friday, May 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Village Green in Minden. This event is the official kickoff to SummerActive.

- Get active by signing up for a Free Beginner's Jogging Clinic that starts Tuesday, May 16, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Hosted by the local Health Unit, the clinic will

run over six weeks giving participants an easy introduction to jogging for fitness and health benefits. Pre-registration is required, so call 457-1391, ext. 245.

- Shift gears by heading to Head Lake Park in Haliburton on May 27 for the first-ever Shifting Gears: Haliburton's Celebration of Cycling. The day includes workshops, guided rides and entertainment for all ages and cycling abilities. Call 457-1391 for more details.

- Make waves by taking part in the 'Try It' Flatwater Kayaking Evenings on June 8 and 15 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Head Lake in Haliburton. No experience is necessary and all equipment is provided by Boatwerks Haliburton. Spaces are limited, so registered by calling 457-3737.

People who get active during SummerActive are encouraged to register their participation on-line at www.summeractive.org. By doing so, their names will be entered a draw to win a variety of prizes including watches, mountain bikes, sport bags, SummerActive clothing, pedometers and Frisbees.

"It's a win-win for everyone," says Sue Shikaze, a health promoter with Health for Life. "Not only can you win prizes, you are also benefiting your own health by becoming more physically active."

Correction

Incorrect information appeared in last week's story about the Dorset Tower trail. The couple who own land on which the trail crosses had asked Algonquin Highlands to pay them a fee for each vehicle visiting the tower in two yearly installments. They did not ask for an annual fee on top of this.

The Times regrets the error.

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Crazy Rafting Challenge
Minden Hills
Canada Day 2006
The Minden Fire Department is challenging all residents, cottagers, businesses and service clubs to build the most creative raft for the July 1st Minden Crazy Raft Race down the Gull river (Rotary Park to downtown Minden).
This Canada Day event has become a great boost for the Haliburton Highlands calendar and a popular magnet for tourists and residents alike.
Does your cottage or home suffer from bored teen syndrome? There is no better outlet for youthful creativity than Crazy Raft building. The Minden Canada Day Committee has been working hard all winter to ensure the Crazy Raft Race and all the other exciting Canada Day events are a fun outing for everyone.
Downtown Minden will be "ground zero" for fun on July 1st. Look for more details in upcoming editions, or at Minden's website www.minden.on.ca
There is no entry fee for the Crazy Raft Race.
Life jackets must be worn. Children under 16 must be accompanied on their raft by an adult. Entrants under 18 must have a waiver signed by a parent or guardian. Forms can be obtained at the Township offices, or at the race start on July 1st (Rotary Park across from Kawartha Dairy) from 11am to noon (12:30pm start). Prizes will be awarded to the Most Creative Raft, Best Costumes, Most Enthusiastic Crew, and first to finish. All rafts must be substantially home made. Anyone needing advice or information can contact Race Director Bill Chadwick at 905-853-0955 or bill.chadwick@sympatico.ca

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Changing of the guard

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Archie Stouffer Elementary School is losing its principal, Rick Thorne, at the end of this school year but his replacement is already a familiar face around the school.

The changing of the guard will officially take place on September 1. Thorne initiated the transfer to Muskoka Falls in Bracebridge to enable him to work closer to his home and ASES's vice-principal, Joan Harpell has been appointed as his successor.

But long before the switch becomes official, Thorne is getting familiar with his new school and Harpell is starting to take over in Minden.

"It's sort of a wind up over here and a gear up over there," Thorne says about the transition. "I just thought it was time. I live in Bracebridge and for six years I've been commuting."

His new posting, as principal of Muskoka Falls Public School in Bracebridge, is a step back in time for Thorne. He taught at Muskoka Falls about 10 years ago and will be, in fact, working with a former student of his who has since become a teacher there.

And as much as the halls of Muskoka Falls are a flashback for Thorne, they will also be an entirely new experience. In July, the school is being razed to the ground to make way for a new school to be completed in a year's time. Thorne thinks it will be interesting to be a part of that project.

"We're going to be in portables for a year, and that will make things a little bit interesting, no doubt," he says. "I've got five years until I retire and I didn't think another opportunity like that would come up and I think it will be pretty neat."

Not surprisingly, as anxious as he is to start at his new school and work much closer to home,

he does mourn what he'll be losing by leaving. In particular he'll miss the kids and his fellow staff who, he says, has made his time at ASES memorable "in a good way."

"I've been here six years and I watched a whole bunch of kids grow up; I've gotten to know their families. I really have enjoyed myself here," he says. "It's not going to be easy to get up and walk away. I've made some good friends, but it is going to be nice to be working 10 minutes from home. I'll also be seven minutes from the first tee [of his local golf course]."

The hour-long commute each way is what Thorne has been longing to give up.

"It's ten hours a week in a car, and you can only listen to Bob and Cameron on the FAN for so long," he laughs. "Next year, I'll put the time I would have spent driving to good use."

The school will no doubt miss Principal Thorne, but waiting in the wings to take over is Joan Harpell who has served as the school's vice principal for three years.

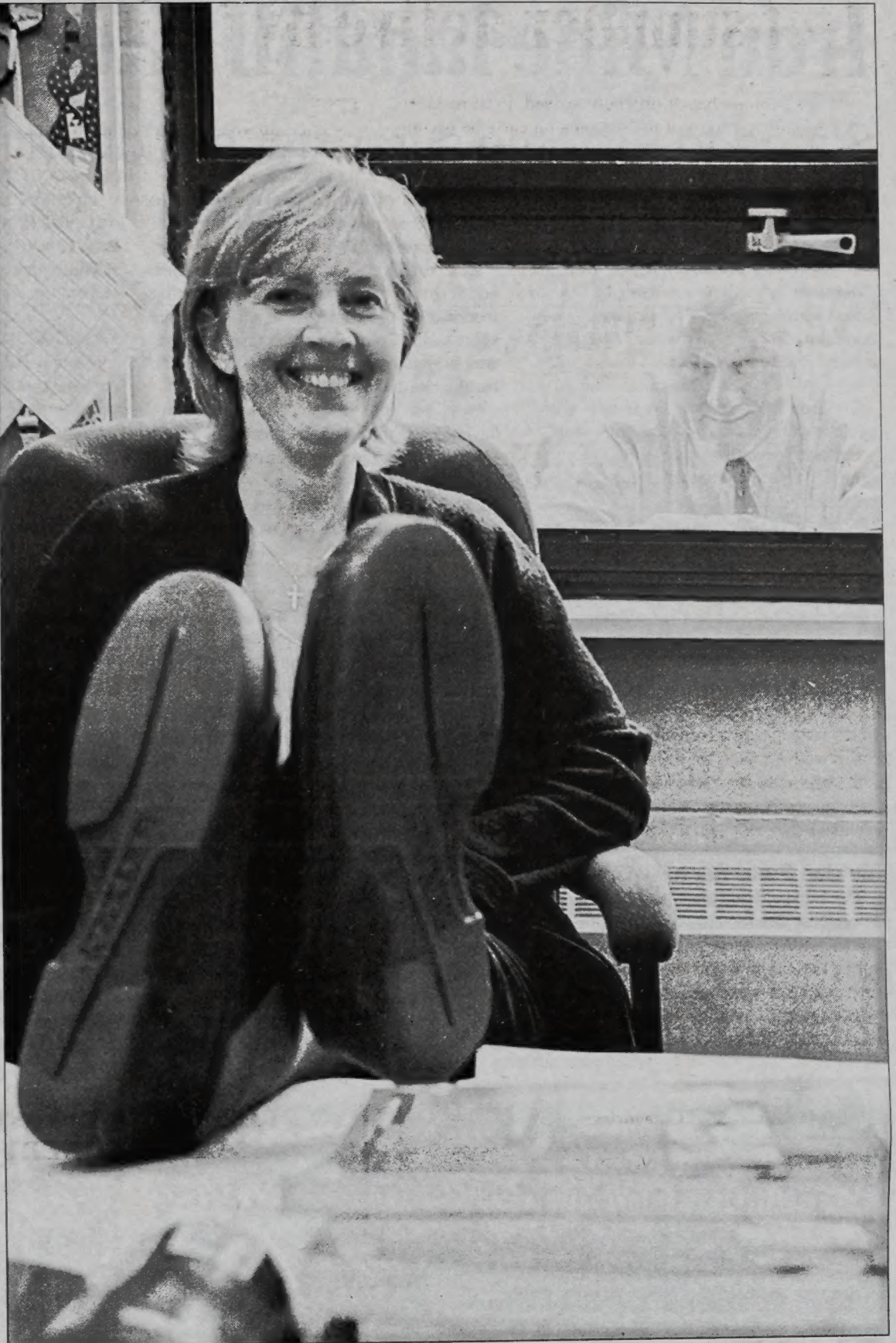
"In many ways, it's an ideal transition," she says, adding that Thorne has been easing her into her new job since he announced that he was leaving.

Harpell says that her role will change in some noticeable ways, one of which will be more dealings with the board, but she hopes to have no less interaction with the students.

"I don't want to lose touch with the kids and I don't think Rick has, so I think it will still be possible to have a lot to do with them."

This will be Harpell's first job as a principal but she is not nervous about it at all, or if she is, it doesn't show. The staff at ASES, she says, make working at the school a joy.

"This is a really amazing staff," she says. "They tell you what they need and what they



With ASES Principal Rick Thorne spying through the window, Vice-Principal Joan Harpell tries out the chair in his office before taking over as the school's Principal on September 1. Photo by Bryn Weese.

want, they tell you where they differ [in opinion] but they seem to be able to work through that and come up with their own solutions a lot of the time. And if you can be flexible enough to accept other people's solutions, things often work out better, because everyone has had input."

In addition to seeing eye to eye with Thorne on many situations that have cropped up from time to time, Harpell says she has also learned from Thorne and plans to implement some of his finer points into her own style as principal.

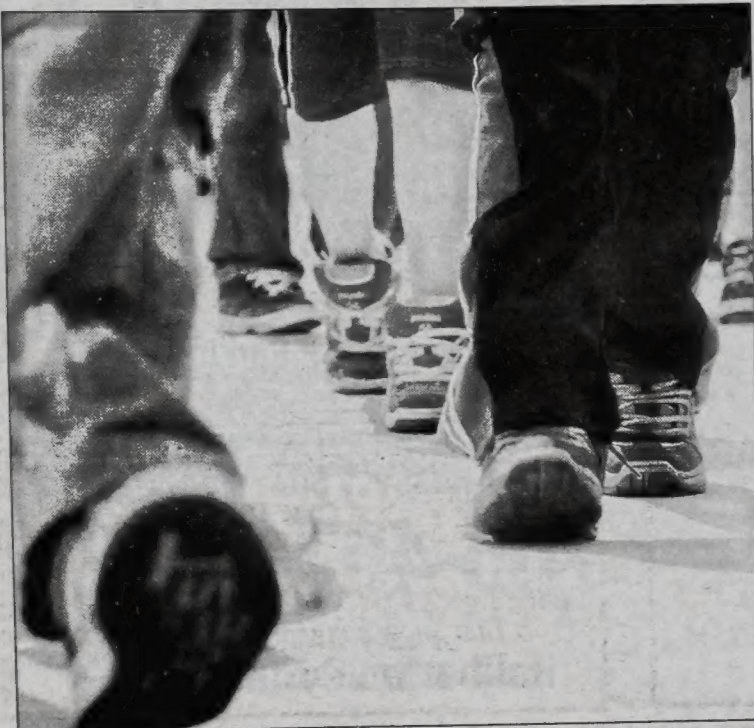
"Rick has taught me not to get

into a flap about things," she says. "He maintains a calm approach in situations where others would be overwhelmed and because of him, I don't worry about things the way I used to."

Minden Sneaker Day walks on

Photos by Casey Lessard

The possibility of rain threatened to wreck Sneaker Day, and may have reduced the turnout, but it didn't stop everyone. Students from ASES and many Minden residents started at The Village Green and continued past the community centre and back, a total of 2.5 km. "If you want to be able to live a full life, exercise is essential," says the event organizer Morris Duff



Iron Mine landfill site reaching capacity

Slated to become a transfer station within next two to three years

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

The following are brief notes from the Committee of the Whole meeting of Minden Hills council on May 11 in council chambers. Any item discussed must be passed by council at its next meeting.

The Iron Mine landfill site is now slated to close within the next two or three years.

Surface water that is taking up valuable landfill space cannot be pumped out because of treatment costs.

The township's Environment and Property Operations Manager Bob Romberg told council that Ministry of Environment regulations did not allow garbage to be dumped into water. As a result, the capacity of the landfill site had been reduced.

Of the possible scenarios that existed for the landfill site, according to the township's waste management consultants, the most cost effective was to fill the available space at the landfill to capacity (which would take an estimated two years) and then to turn the site into a transfer station. Council agreed.

Minden Food Bank

The Minden Food Bank and the county's Food Net are looking for a communal home. Thus far they have been unsuccessful in their search for accommodation in town, citing cost and the required size.

In a letter to Minden Hills council, the food bank's management has asked to use

both floors of the Lutterworth township office as their new home, to take effect "as soon as possible."

At Councillor Clayton Cameron's behest, council has forwarded a resolution that would offer the Lutterworth office for the short-term. Councillors felt that the need was urgent enough to commit use of the building until the end of 2006.

Previously, the township was considering having a dog pound on the ground floor and the roads works area on the second floor.

Council is moving ahead with having architect Duncan Ross evaluate the building and provide cost estimates to retrofit it for the two latter uses.

Timberfest 2006

Council has been informed that Timbersport, the town's 13-year-old lumberjack competition, will be known this year as Timberfest 2006.

Councillor Oyler, who sits on the Timbersport committee, told council that Stihl, the competition's main sponsor for the past 13 years, would not be a sponsor this year.

Since the name Timbersport is a registered trademark of Stihl in both the U.S. and Canada, legal council has advised the committee to stop using the name.

A new street banner promoting Timberfest 2006 has been hung over Bobcaygeon Street and replaces the previous Timbersport banner.

"The event is going on full-steam ahead," said Oyler, adding that there is a wealth of

competitors from the Maritimes, Ontario and the U.S. who will be participating at the June 10 event.

The committee is still in need of volunteers to time the various competitions.

Disabled parking

Minden Hills by-law enforcement officers have the jurisdiction to enforce disabled parking spaces violations on private property, council was informed.

Fraser MacDonald, who was asked by council to clarify the township's authority on private property parking matters, prepared a report for council that outlines sections 100 and 102 of the Municipal Act. He says that the municipality can require owners of private parking lots to provide designated disabled parking spaces and can therefore enforce infractions.

Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch said that at the county joint accessibility advisory committee, this issue was becoming increasingly important and that further clarification for everyone would be beneficial.

Brush fires

The month of April saw a large number of grass and brush fires. There were a total of eight such fires that required a total of 74 firefighters.

"The dry season has a lot to do with the brush fires," said Councillor Ron Buchanan, who chairs council's Protection to Persons and Property Committee. "It's been a bad year for that kind of stuff [brush and grass fires]. This rain is most wel-

come."

Council reminded the public that there is a no-day-burning regulation in effect.

Minden Hills Museum

Dianne Graham, the Minden Hills Cultural Centre's director, says that the Minden Hills Museum Advisory Committee would likely disband at the end of council's term in November.

"It has been a struggle for a number of years to attract new members to the museum committee - this is a problem in other communities as well," Graham stated in a memo to council.

The major problem for the existing members of the committee is that, with fewer members attending meetings, it is hard to get the quorum required to conduct valid business.

However, says Graham, an advisory committee may not be necessary for the operations of the museum.

Already, she states, the budget is carefully examined by the museum's curator, the centre's director and the finance chair of council.

"The committee has had little actual input because they don't spend the hours on-site (as in the past) and generally accepted the recommendations of the [museum] curator," Graham's memo stated.

"Our administrator is now a professional curator who can guide the museum's activities and the safekeeping of artifacts."



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Cooking rules threaten church fundraisers

by JENNIFER WILSON
Times Staff

For Lois Rigney, the Lochlin United Church is like "a home away from home." Every Christmas, Rigney makes pine wreaths that decorate the walls and pews of the church. The needles' distinctive aroma gives congregation members a "scent of the season."

Like the care she exhibits in her craftsmanship, Rigney takes personal pride preparing meals in her kitchen for the various fundraising events that the church hosts. The events' earnings are used to donate to needy and deserving causes through the church's Outreach program.

However, the province's Food Premise Regulation, a bylaw since 1991 that's not common knowledge to many, states that public meals "must be prepared in an approved kitchen and not in home kitchens to reduce the risk of food borne illness," threatens the future and prosperity of these fundraising events.

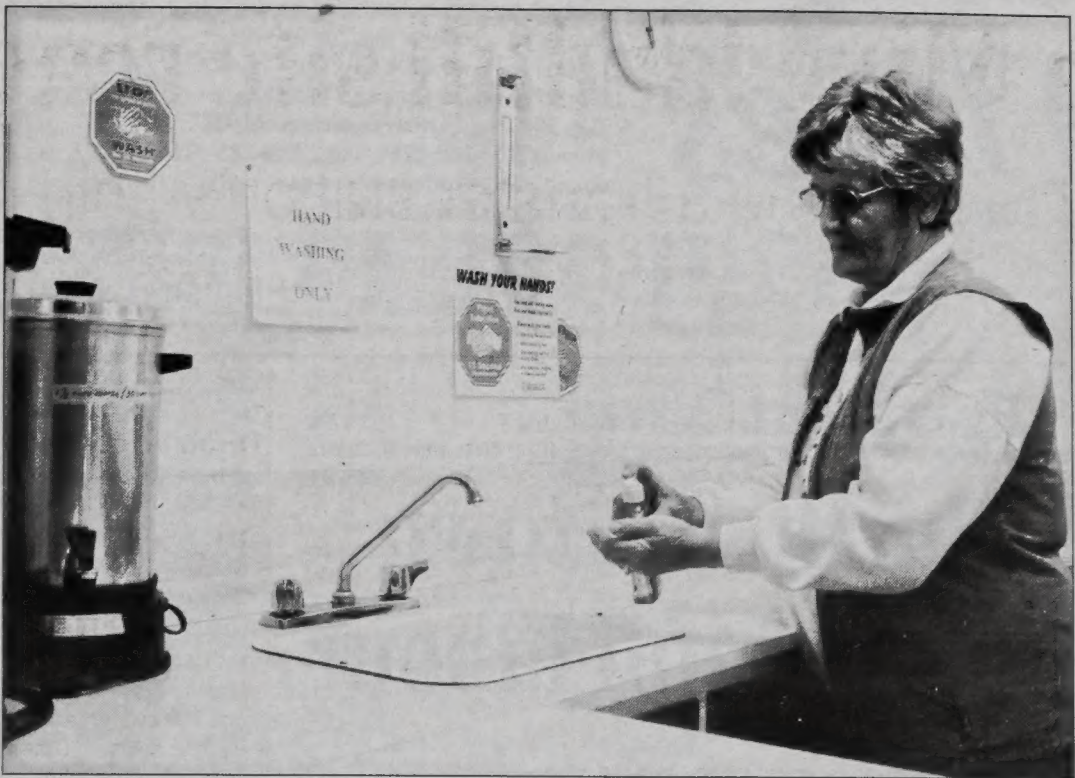
With Lochlin United's "approved" kitchen having only one stove, Rigney says it would be "next to impossible" to prepare the typical quantity of food served at fundraisers using this facility only.

"Where in Lochlin's kitchen, where there's just one stove, can I cook five turkeys or five roasts? It wouldn't be doable."

Rigney says the regulation's 'tight and rigid' guidelines are insulting to churchgoers who, for several generations, have caringly prepared meals for the public from the convenience of their kitchen, with not one case of food poisoning.

"It makes no sense that I can prepare a dinner in my kitchen for church members but as soon as a price tag is put on the meal, it can't be cooked in my kitchen. How does it get diseased in my kitchen when there's a price tag involved?"

Jennifer Wilson/TIMES



New rules make it impossible for volunteers such as Lois Rigney to cook at home and bring the food to a church fundraiser. "Where in Lochlin's kitchen, where there's just one stove, can I cook five turkeys or five roasts? It wouldn't be doable."

However, for the Health Unit, food poisoning is a major concern that causes 600 people to die and 39,000 to be hospitalized each year in Canada. "We're finding these special events are cropping up all over the place," says Anne Alexander, director of environmental health. "We want to know about them and ensure that they are selling food in a safe manner."

Vendors and organizations who fail to meet the regulation's guidelines are at risk of being fined up to \$5,000.

Rigney worries the church's Outreach program, an initiative that's come to define the Lochlin's generous congregation, will be hit hard by the food regulation.

"We strongly believe in giving back to our community, and we do that using the Outreach program. We've donated money to the disaster in Pakistan and Hurricane Katrina. If we can't prepare these dinners in our kitchens, where are we going to get the money?"

The regulation also mandates that approved kitchens have three different sinks, all serving an individual purpose to avoid cross-contamination of foods during cook-

ing. Rigney calls this aspect of the regulation 'ridiculous and over the top.'

"The regulation requires that 'approved' kitchens have three different sinks, each for an individual purpose. We can't wash our hands in the bathroom and go into the kitchen. We have to wash our hands in the specific 'hand-washing' sink."

However, Alexander says not washing hands properly is the most common cause of food-borne illnesses.

"You have people barbecuing raw hamburger meat and hotdogs, and then handling money without washing their hands. If you have E. coli in the hamburger meat, it can lead to very serious permanent damage," says Alexander.

Rigney says although the regulation has the public's best intentions in mind, in practice, it will put a serious damper on community events, 'a way of life for many in the area.'

"A lot of people look forward to these events not only for the food, but for the socialization. They mean a lot for people around this area."

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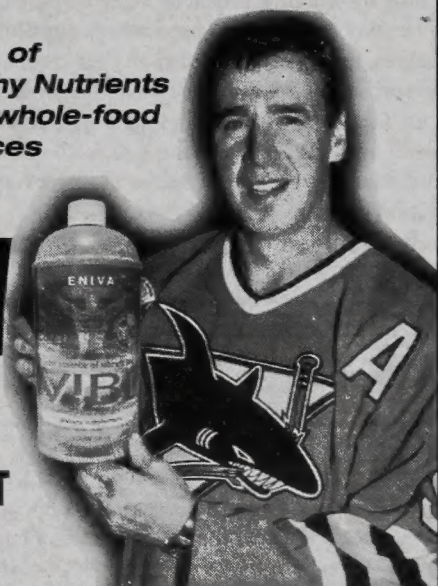
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

The rebirth of a town requires painful labour

THE RESUSCITATION OF THE TOWN'S Business Improvement Area is a commendable approach to solving some of Minden's woes, namely the attractiveness of the town's downtown core (both aesthetic and otherwise) to tourists, cottagers and even local residents. The noticeable emptiness of Bobcaygeon Street on any given Saturday is a testament to the urgent need to something, anything to draw people (and money) in.

The question is, what can be done? If the answer is a revitalized BIA, a new look to the town's storefronts and major attractions in town, then all Mindenites, not just business owners, have to be prepared to admit that, without these things, Minden is in real trouble. People will only get on board with a new BIA, or be prepared to pay for renovations to their store, if the situation is dire. And it is but to date, muttering so much under your breath caused uproar with some township staff, business owners and passionate locals. They, like a bloodied fighter on the ropes, vehemently refused to accept that they were not winning the fight and defended their position – that Minden was doing great – with more passion than before.

The attitude that everything is fine doesn't help. In fact, it hinders what good work is about to be done by a newly revived BIA, whose key players are anxious to get everyone involved and get started.

As George Farrell said recently, convincing people to want to do this will be a difficult task. Especially if they are led to believe that Minden is fine and the work doesn't need doing. Business owners need to know that a strong BIA will put money into their pockets and that, without one, more businesses will continue to move out of town, fewer new ones will come in and the vicious cycle will continue.

Another foreseeable problem of Reeve Jim McMahon's master plan of bringing back the BIA is that there is a municipal election in November. While it seems unlikely, indeed preposterous, that McMahon's motives are political (he is after all a business owner in town), there is the danger that at least his leadership could become stagnant and indecisive for fear of losing voters or making a mistake prior to the fall.

It would be easy to say that plans are on hold until the Haliburton County Development Corporation, under the auspices of the federal government, gets access to more funds. It would also be equally easy to wait for the province to pony up some funds. They too have a vested interest in the financial wellbeing of its towns. But to wait for either the Eastern Ontario Development Fund from the feds or the creation of the Eastern Ontario Economic Development Fund by the province is foolhardy.

Minden needs action now, not later, and that means that the onus is on the local business community to raise the funds necessary for their great plans, whatever they may be.

Regardless of the paper work or the headache, the BIA should be expanded to include all businesses in town, and even though equal levies limit the BIA revenues to whatever the weakest link can afford, it might be a good place to start considering land assessment dues failed in the past. And, levies should be high. It should be every business owner's equal fiscal burden to pay for the projects that, in the long run, will benefit everyone by bringing tourists into town and dollars into pockets.

Bryn Weese

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IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Spring Daffodil

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Youth need physical activity

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For more on how to become more active, pick up a free copy of this week's free *Cottage Times*.

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

My science experiment

IT'S NOT EASY having an inquiring mind. But I've lived with this debilitating condition for my entire life, provided, of course, that you discount that one dark period known as my education and career.

The problem with an inquiring mind is that it causes you to do things that you might not normally do if, say, you had a mind that was less prone to inquiry and more prone to creating best-selling books, cures for the world's great ills, or even revolutionary philosophical ideas.

A great example of this occurred when I walked up to my wife yesterday and observed that she was eating sesame sticks. Those of you afflicted with a normal mind might have simply asked for a sesame stick, pronounced it in the standard way, and then carried on. I would have, too. But that's when my inquiring mind kicked in.

It decided to ask her for a sesame stick. The difference, though subtle, was in the way my inquiring mind forced my tongue to pro-

nounce the words, which in this case was "se-same stick." Believe me, my inquiring mind knew that this was phonetically incorrect but it decided to analyze the result nevertheless. It was as if it was bored and actually looking for trouble.

The first time I said, "Can I have a se-same stick?", my wife shot me a look that is usually reserved for bad puppies who soil the carpet - not so much a look of anger as of petty annoyance with an added touch of you-ought-to-know-better-than-that. She even smiled briefly.

At that point, I could almost hear my inquiring mind mutter, "Interesting."

And I suppose that's why it gave the order to mispronounce sesame in several conversations over the remainder of the day. I wasn't trying to be aggravating so much as

trying to gauge the threshold of a person's tolerance for the mispronunciation of words that have nothing to do with the actual conversation at hand.

The results were startling!

By the sixteenth incident, my wife was clearly annoyed. The level of this annoyance was gauged in a full-colour bar graph that, unfortunately, we do not have the space to run in this paper. Showing this graph to my wife, by the way, did nothing to ease her irritation either. On the contrary, it actually seemed to fuel her resentment.

Again, I would like to stress that this was the handiwork of my inquiring mind and not me. Given the choice, I would have ended the experiment the minute she threatened to reconfigure my larynx. I'm no scientist but I believe we had collected more than enough data.

Unfortunately, my inquiring mind

does not care one whit about my larynx; it is solely interested in furthering the cause of science.

Because of this, my wife had to endure several more references to se-sames in the course of our strained conversations. And then, like many great scientists, I had to flee the country.

So what did we learn?

Well, and I think this is important, mispronouncing sesame hundreds of times over a period of several hours to the same person in confined quarters is unadvisable and in the words of the subject, "%\$#@! annoying!" We know this now.

Hopefully, now larynx specialists and E.N.T. doctors will use these findings as part of an overall preventative program to ease the pain and suffering caused by bored middle-aged men afflicted with inquiring minds and recently reconfigured larynxes.

Isn't science grand?



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

The nature of questions

FATHER NATURE has a plan to fit every contingency but most of his strategies are either a surprise or a mystery to me.

For example, The Brown Dog Jiggs and I wonder whether turkeys rehearse their retreats or just rely on chaos.

Our walk on a sun-splashed May morning has already been a long one when we come out on a hydro right-of-way that cuts an open swath through the bush about a mile north of Sapsucker Ridge.

The walk has taken the edge off The Brown Dog's exuberance and his perambulations are perfunctory until an odour wafts by and the perambulations turn into a full-out sprint.

Hot on the trail of something, he rockets back and forth across the right-of-way and then into the bush that borders it. Now the air is rent with sounds crashing through underbrush, then gobbling and finally hysterical barking.

The gobbling is right in front of me, where five turkeys are rushing by in one direction and the barking is from off to the left, where Jiggs has treed his first turkey.

And I wonder if this is a turkey strategy - send one member of the flock up a tree to distract the preda-

tor while the rest only run away, running taking less energy than flight.

The Brown Dog has his own question. When he wants to climb that tree so badly, why isn't he equipped to do so?

Jiggs is full of questions like that. Why won't the beaver we find snacking on a birch beside Coon Pond stay ashore and play?

The Brown Dog either can't or won't swim and so geese and beavers make him cranky. Geese honk and beavers tail-slap and

Jiggs splashes back and forth across dams, barking hysterically at them.

On the evening of the birch, all I see at first is the dog in pursuit of a fair-sized animal waddling through the tag alders so I think porcupine and call off Jiggs just long enough to let the beaver get to water.

While Jiggs bounds up and down the pond edge in full hysteria, I wonder why an animal that has just been in mortal peril keeps swimming circles in the water to get more looks at him.

Another exchange of tail slaps and

barking on another evening brings a Canada goose and two of its friends from another pond to see what all the racket is about.

The main goose arrives first, crash-landing with a skidding splash as geese do, coming straight at me until it hits the water not 20 feet away.

Then the beaver leaves and the goose sees that the barker is only Jiggs and can be disregarded. This is the last thing I see that evening that I understand.

The other two geese have been watching in safety from the far

side of the pond but now an exchange of gibbles and gabbles that always sounds to me like a single voice reunites the trio.

After a bit, the lead goose rises up and skitters across the water's surface at one of the others. Is this a threat or a come-hither?

The second rises up, partly unfolds its wings, then having made its point, refolds them and settles back. The main goose does its own unfolding routine, then dips its head and neck into the water over and over again.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

This is supposed to be a prelude to copulation, but no copulation takes place. Flurries of seed-bearing balls of white fluff drift through the beams of a setting sun; understanding what I have been watching seems unimportant.

Near another pond just across the road from Sapsucker Ridge, the little gourmants of the neighbourhood have carved a dead moose a new anal aperture.

Well, not so much new as expanded - the moose is being eaten from the inside out.

It seems like a good strategy. There must be fine dining in there and no need to watch over your shoulder for predators when the door you came through is only just big enough for you.

Jiggs has been sniffing out the situation. Now he raises his head to look back over his shoulder at me with a question: Is this a moose or a mouse?

Once it was one and soon it will be the other, I tell him.

And I think of the elderly mice who will sit around their fireplace this December, telling their great-great-grandchildren of the better, simpler times, when the world was young and they ate a moose.

Choose your own way to share the blessings of clean drinking water

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reminding people how blessed we are to live among such richness.

The charity's founder, Gerry Feltham, has since moved to Newfoundland and a part of HAVE has gone with him. But Reid has kept the charity alive in the county. From 1983 until 2003, the first Saturday in June marked the annual Walks for Water when hundreds of people would gather, pledge forms in hand, to walk and raise much needed funds.

Since 2003, when the annual walks stopped, HAVE has been promoting "choose your own adventure" fundraisers. This, says Reid, who serves as the charity's chairperson, allows people to be physically active in whatever way they like while still raising funds for HAVE.

"I know of someone in Toronto who is going to kayak across Lake Ontario and back for HAVE," he says.

Last year, Reid and his wife Toos, a teacher at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden, ran a half-marathon for the cause, raising enough money between the two of them for a new well in India (\$1,500).

This year's funds are being spent primarily in West Bengal (north-eastern India), where it is hoped that 72 new wells will provide clean drinking water for 151,000 people.

Quick math reveals that, in fact, 72 new wells will cost approximately \$100,000 – too much money to be raised by HAVE alone. This is why the success of the plan requires CIDA, the Canadian International Development Agency, to match HAVE's contribution dollar for dollar, or well for well.

Only there is a catch.

HAVE must raise \$50,000 before CIDA will match the funds for clean drinking water wells in India. While on the one hand Reid is confident that HAVE will reach its goal, he says it can only be done with the continued support of the community, both cottagers and residents, and as many newcomers as it can find.

"We hope you'll consider getting a group together and help us to reach our goal," Reid states in a letter of appeal to the residents of Haliburton County. "No amount raised is too small or too big. We invite you to take up the challenge to raise enough money for one well (approximately \$1,500).

"We value your continued support and enthusiasm for this project," he continues. "Don't delay! Set a goal, get a group together or even on your own, choose your own adventure!!"

For more information about HAVE, or to get pledge sheets for "Choose your own adventure," call Ron Reid at 489-2431 or Cathy Stephens at 489-4129.



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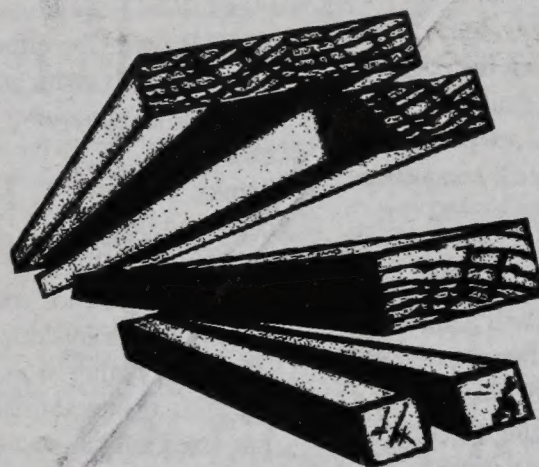
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Eric Elliot

My Mom is the best because she always helps me no matter what. She is the nicest person I know. She cooks the best food ever. Her spaghetti is to die for. She is the best water skier ever including best water skier teacher ever. She is caring and always makes me feel better when I'm cut or scraped. She is also the coolest mother you could ever have! Those aren't even a quarter of the great things about my mother. There are good things doubling every-day.

BJ Archer

My Mom is special because she helps me in school work and if I am feeling down she cheers me up. Also if someone hurts me she talks to them about it. Also when I go to bed she tucks me in and hugs me and kisses me and says goodnight. She also plays board games and walks with me when I ask. She watches movies with me.

Spencer Hicks

My Mom is very special to me. This is how she is special. She tucks me in every night. She makes my cuts feel better. She talks to me when I'm sad. She plays board games even when she's tired. She goes fourwheeler riding with me. She cuddles me in bed. She goes swimming and walking with me almost every day and night in

summer. That is why she is special to me.

Chris Hall

My Mom is special because she makes terrific food. She tucks me in at night and tells me how much she loves me. In the summer she plays baseball with me when she knows she doesn't have to. When I win at board games she doesn't act like a poor sport. She helps me with my homework. I love my mom and I wouldn't trade her for the world. Sometimes even when I'm mad she makes me smile. My Mom is the best.

Megan Milburn

1. My Mom is special because she helps me when I'm in danger and when I'm sad. 2. She always keep me safe at all times. 3. She feed me. 4. She does my laundry. 5. She lets me help in her garden. 6. She let me help bake. 7. She lets me do her makeup sometimes. 8. She lets me watch cartoons when she's folding laundry even though she hates most cartoons. 9. She comes outside with me when I play with my dogs. 10. She is my best friend in the whole wide world. 11. She bandages my cuts and scrapes. 12. She will play games with me even when she doesn't want to.

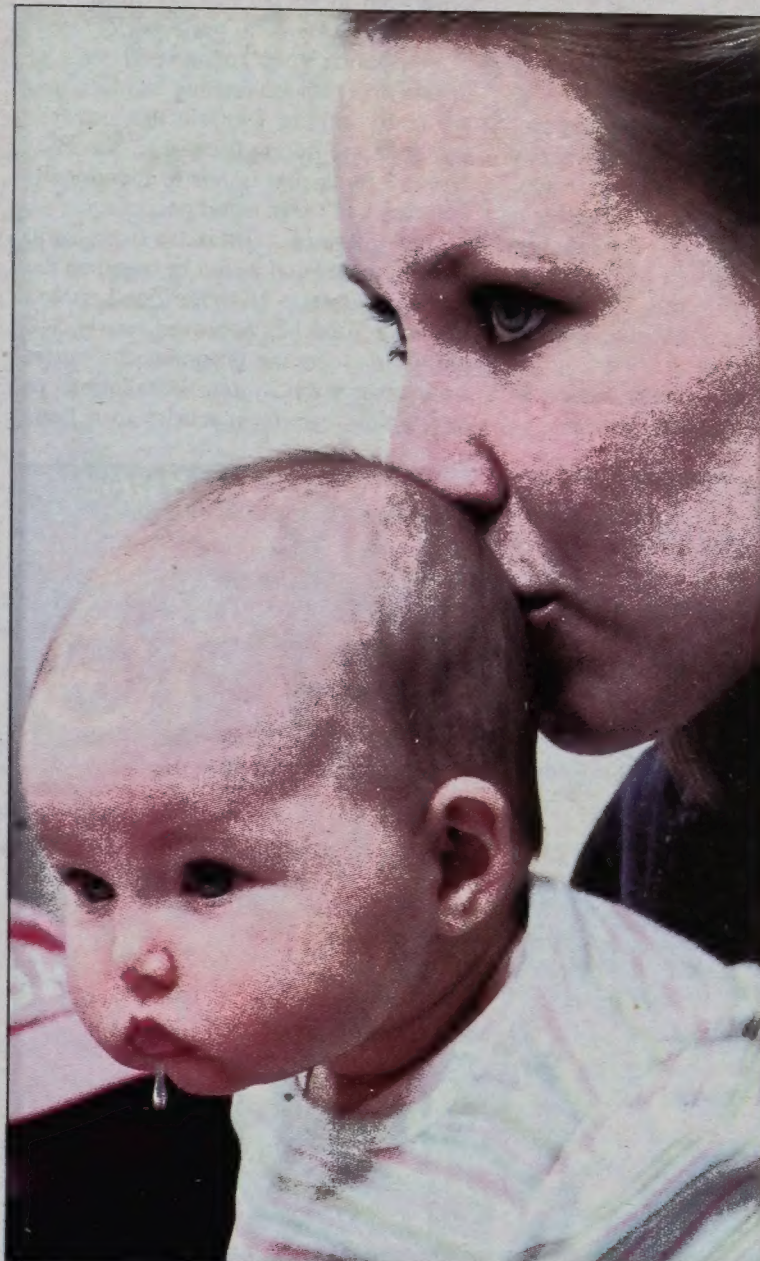
Savannah MacAusland

My is the greatest Mom. I wouldn't trade her for the world. She is the best because of the following:

1. She is in Toronto for 4 days of the week every week to do pay the taxes.
2. She tries to be the best and go to work and clean up at the same time.
3. She never breaks a promise.
4. She never shows up for a party without something for the hostess.

That is why I think she is the best

Alex Litwin



Surely, Emma thinks mom Dayle Smith is the greatest, and the feeling is likely mutual.

The two spent some quality time together at the baby sign language classes offered by the Haliburton Ontario Early Years Centre, giving them a new way to communicate and connect. Photo by Casey Lessard.

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Real Estate ☐ yes ☐ no

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Employment advertising ☐ yes ☐ no

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do you find most useful in your
local newspaper?

Automotive ☐ yes ☐ no

Thank you for your time!

Best bet is federal funds, politicians say

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We need to put investment into infrastructure projects and the communities."

While Scott readily admits that the current government could let the bill die, as it did with the very same bill a year ago, she thinks that the time has come for a change in the financial relationship between municipalities and the province. Whether it's the Conservative's Bill 42 or similar legislation, she says something has to change.

"There is a problem with the lottery, as we call it, that you can win to access

provincial monies for those [infrastructure and development] projects right now. Municipalities can spend thousands of dollars applying for funding and then you are really hoping you win the lottery — that your application is chosen," she says. "I don't think that is fair to municipalities, they can't plan based on a chance."

The Eastern Ontario Economic Development Fund would be based on the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund, which so far in 2006 has approved nearly \$40 million in spending programs that range from town water system installations to developing waterfront tourist attractions

to helping businesses expand operations to creating shopping malls and business parks.

But however promising Bill 42 sounds, local politicians are cautious in their optimism.

"I don't mean to be negative and I am hopeful it will happen, but I would suspect that the existing provincial government will say, 'We'd love to do this but we can't because we are short \$23 billion from the federal government'," says Haliburton County's Warden Murray Fearrey.

"I think it's very simple: if the provincial government can convince their federal cousins to fund the province, then I think the province has no choice but to fund us."

For Fearrey, another option for funding, one more likely to provide dollars to Haliburton County in the near future, is federal monies in the form of an Eastern Ontario Development Fund, similar to the \$10 million one-time spending that came through last year under the former Liberal government. It was distributed locally through the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

"I think [the federal money last year] was a crucial piece of funding that the county needed," he says. "I think all of

eastern Ontario does need some assistance in various areas and Haliburton County certainly is at the top of the list. If [the federal] fund is not re-instated and there is not an alternative to it, it is definitely going to have an impact on the area.

"We are in an adverse position here," Fearrey adds. "We don't have a lot of industry, we don't have a lot of commercial assessment and those little hand-outs are important to us."

Fearrey's opinion is shared by others at the local level, but it is also shared by politicians further up.

Barry Devolin, MP for Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Brock and a member of the governing Conservative Party, says that he too favours locally-based economic development as opposed to larger, regionally-based development funds. Living in Haliburton, Devolin has witnessed first-hand the benefit of federal dollars coming into the HCDC over the past two years and would like to see that funding continue.

"I agree with Murray Fearrey and other community leaders that this [the federal Eastern Ontario Development Fund] was a good program, it worked well and it should be continued," Devolin says.

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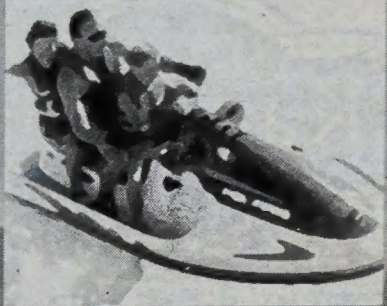
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Municipalities can't afford big projects without outside help

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"Speaking for myself, I am a big supporter of the Community Futures organizations, both the concept of community-based economic development that's locally controlled and that those community-based organizations get more bang for their buck than most other things that the government does."

Devolin says that while no announcement has been made about whether the federal Eastern Ontario Development Fund will flow again, that does not necessarily mean that it won't. In fact, he and other Eastern Ontario MPs have made their support of the fund known and he says that it is possible federal monies to the HCDC could be on their way.

"My lobbying within the government has been that I think CFDCs in general are a worthwhile organization and, specifically, that they did a very good job with the dollars that were allocated to them in the last two years and that serious consideration be given to an extension of that program," he says. "We have not heard yes or no; it's still an open question."

And that is good news for Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison who also thinks, like Fearrey, that the federal government is a more likely source of funding than a provincial bill proposed by the opposition party. However, she is quick not to look a gift horse in the mouth.

"I'm certainly inclined to agree with Murray. However having said that, you have to be careful and can't complain about anything that will bring us more money," she says.

Algonquin Highlands knows better than most just how crucial outside funds are to the operation of a municipality. Earlier this month, council learned that its application for nearly \$500,000 in Canada Ontario



Murray Fearrey:

"I would suspect that the provincial government will say, 'We'd love to do this but we can't because we are short \$23 billion from the federal government'."

Municipal Rural Infrastructure Funds (COMRIF) for a sewage treatment plan had been rejected.

"We were devastated in Algonquin Highlands because you're looking at a million bucks for a sewage treatment facility and really, the million bucks only puts the facility in," Harrison says. "We've probably spent \$100,000 getting to the stage where we have no place to put it."

For Harrison though, the way in which additional government monies find their way into municipalities needs to change. They need to be more accessible with less strict criteria. As well, there has to be more certainty; municipalities need to be able to bank on getting the money for vital infrastructure projects.

"Having no funding certainty creates the septage problem we are having now as well as problems for things like roads," Harrison says. "And, for example, if you know of expensive bridge work coming up, you can't put money aside for it because you can't do what you need to do today and put money aside for tomorrow when you don't have enough money in the first place."

Harrison also contends that too often provincial and federal monies come with too many strings attached. Those strings can exclude smaller municipalities with real needs that, for one reason or another, don't meet the criteria laid out by the governments' conditions.

"Sometimes the criteria doesn't fit some of the smaller municipalities and so we are left out in the cold when the money comes down," Harrison says. "[When money is made available,] senior levels of government seem to manipulate that criteria and sometimes the smaller municipalities don't fit into it. You think you're getting a whole lot, but when you try to get into the program, you don't fit the criteria."

No doubt like every other

municipal politician in the province, Harrison agrees wholeheartedly that a new funding arrangement has to be forthcoming, one that offers funding certainty from the province and/or the federal government. This would allow municipal and county governments to plan for the future and substantially relieve the fiscal burden of downloaded responsibilities so

that local levels of government can do what they are expected to do.

But the federal and provincial Eastern Ontario Development Funds currently making its way through the legislature is also intended to finance private businesses looking to expand their operations, develop entirely new ones or otherwise improve the local economy.



Eleanor Harrison:

"Having no funding certainly creates the septage problem we have now."

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Barry Devolin:

"Community Futures did a very good job with the dollars that were allocated to them in the last two years

Little man, big job

Tanner Hamilton was the top cop Monday, serving as acting detachment commander for the Haliburton Highlands OPP. Detachment commander Jim Peterkin recruited Hamilton to fulfill one of his initiatives when he took over the post recently. "He's a good resource because he knows everyone in the community," Peterkin said. Hamilton toured the current and new OPP buildings, had lunch with Peterkin, met the reeve, and did some paperwork. Noting he did not have his licence, Hamilton turned down a chance to drive a cruiser ("He asked me, but..."). Police work involves: "making sure people don't get hurt," he said. But he's aware it's hard work. Even after one day, for him the best part is: "Probably the breaks."

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Popular Minden veterinarian says goodbye after 27 years of dedicated service

by JENNIFER WILSON
Times Staff

Dr. Peter Bennett, the head veterinarian at the Minden Animal Hospital, is semi-retiring this week.

Bennett, who came to Minden from Toronto in 1979 with wife Sue, looks forward to spending more time outdoors, "happily donating blood to the mosquitoes and black flies in the bush."

Bennett says during his 27 years at the

hospital, the most memorable experience happened on New Year's Eve 2004.

Just minutes before midnight, a pregnant black lab was brought into the hospital because she was having problems with the birth.

Bennett performed a successful emergency Caesarean section, and eight new puppies were delivered just in time to ring in the New Year.

"We all got champagne afterwards and celebrated. It was a very exciting night,

one I'll always remember," says Bennett.

Veterinarian Dr. Carol Sanio from Toronto will be replacing Bennett. Sanio says she was attracted to the area because she 'loves cottage country and the outdoors.'

Sanio says the hospital has a well-established reputation of being 'tender, loving and caring towards the animals,' a reputation she says she'll strive to preserve.

Bennett, who is only semi-retiring, will be working part time still at the hospital.



From left to right, summer intern Amy Brown, Sue Bennett, support staff Lynn Henderson, chief veterinarian Dr. Peter Bennett, veterinarian Dr. Nikolai Davis, veterinarian Dr. Carol Sanio, Head of Support Staff Tammy Smith, and veterinarian Nurse Melissa Burroughs. The maltese poodle is Katie. Dr. Bennett is semi-retiring as head veterinarian of the clinic after 27 years in the position. Photo by Jennifer Wilson.

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Kimberley Hicks of Lochlin (left and far left) takes one step at a time along the high ropes, one of the many confidence-building challenges she and other HHSS nurses performed at Camp Medeba last Tuesday as part of Nursing Week celebrations. Jen Verheye holds the rope for when she's ready to fall. Below, Heidi Wiebe and Minna Stephen keep a rope-walker steady.

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Riverwalk a terrific start to active transportation project

by KATE HALL
Special to the Times

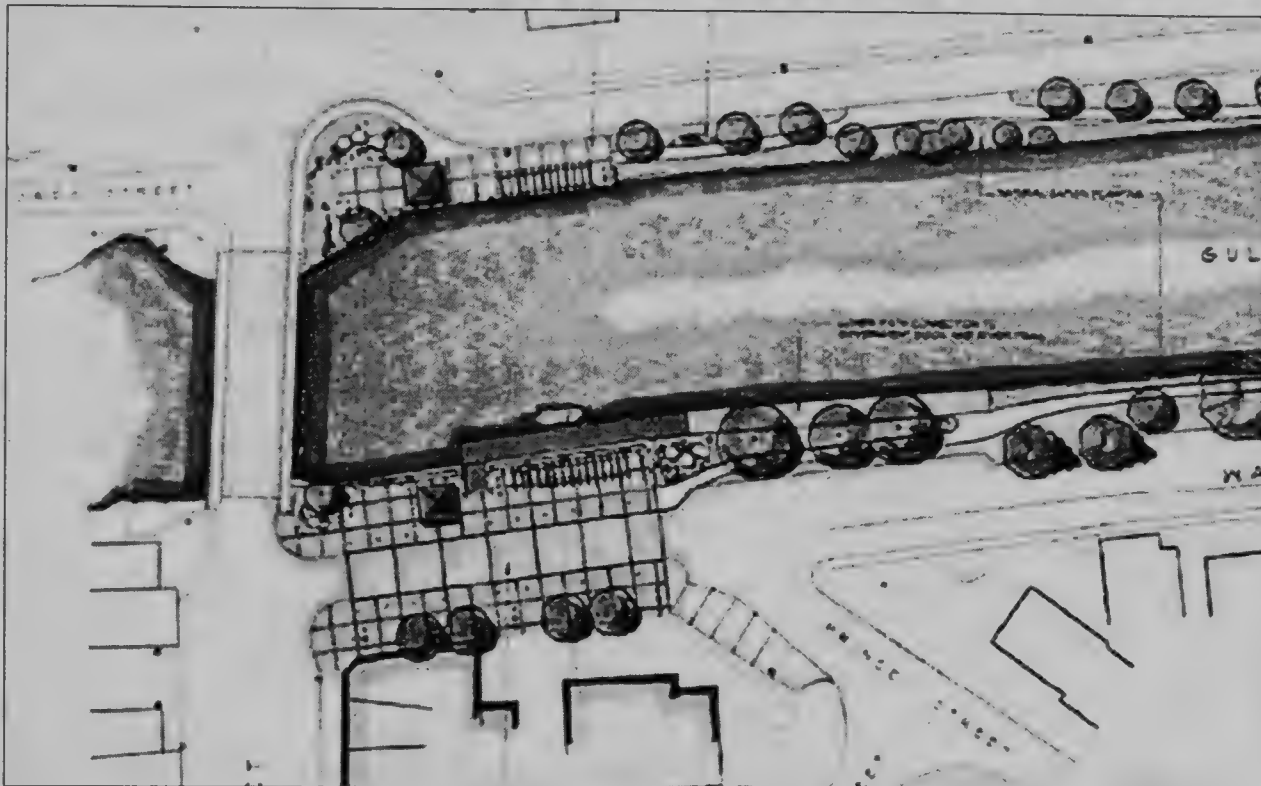
The Active Transportation Planning Project has been so successful in Haliburton Village that it's looking to replicate the project in Minden.

The Haliburton: A Community in Action Committee is applying for funding once again through the Ministry of Health Promotion's Communities in Action funding program to tackle "Phase 2" in Haliburton and to initiate a plan for Minden.

The CIA will work in cooperation with Minden Riverwalk and the Municipality of Minden Hills to create an active transportation plan for the town.

Minden actually has a head start thanks to the hard work of dedicated Riverwalk Committee members who raised funds to have a master plan for the Riverwalk concept developed two years ago. The plan focuses on the Gull River as the hub of town and highlights existing and potential connections from the river to businesses and activity areas in the community.

Riverwalk is a "grand vision" for the Town of Minden including pathways on either side of the Gull River, a pedestrian bridge and covered areas to sit and enjoy the view. It's a great foundation.



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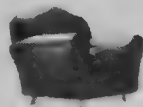
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Fee structure killed original BIA, former chairman says

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by council, on all commercial and industrial properties within the limits of the Business Improvement Area. The funds are then transferred back to the BIA to be used to improve the local economy, local businesses and the town itself.

Since the creation of the first BIA in Bloor West Village, a west-end neighbourhood in urban Toronto near High Park, in the 1970s, there are now more than 230 BIAs across the province. They collectively raise \$17 million for the purposes of local business improvement.

And up until 10 years ago, Minden had a thriving BIA that organized local events, such as a Christmas light competition, and collectively worked towards the betterment of the local business environment. But pettiness, unequal fees and a lack of interest led to its demise (the BIA was never formally dismantled), says Gord Monk, the local funeral director who chaired the BIA for four years prior to its decline.

He stresses, in particular, that one of the reasons the BIA went MIA was unequal dues based on property assessments and size. People paying larger fees, Monk says, came to expect a more powerful voice in the association.

"The assessment levy created more problems for us than anything else," says Monk. "It was a sore point for sure.

Maybe equal payments by everyone would be the best way [to collect the BIA's dues]."

Monk, who attended last week's meeting, is very enthusiastic about a revived BIA. He sees an urgent need for such a project and offers some words of advice as a former chair.

"I think we've hit a fairly low ebb as far as the appearance of the town is concerned," he says. "People are recognizing that something has to be done. We've got to make it attractive for people to come in and shop and we've got to make it attractive for people to come in and browse and enjoy the town."

"We have to start off with fairly basic projects, like a town clean-up day, to get people interested," he adds. "Don't get into a million dollar project right off the bat because you're going to scare people away."

Many share Monk's enthusiasm, especially Jim McMahon, who would like to see the BIA tackle the look of the downtown core. Specifically, says McMahon, it should implement some or all of the ideas put forth several years ago in an urban design study on how to revitalize the town.

"We don't need any more studies," he said at the meeting. "We have a beautiful

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Bryn Weese/TIMES

Minden's main street needs infusion of new ideas and enthusiasm. The BIA hopes to provide them.

Invitation for Public Comment Independent Audit of the Bancroft Minden Forest For the period April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2006

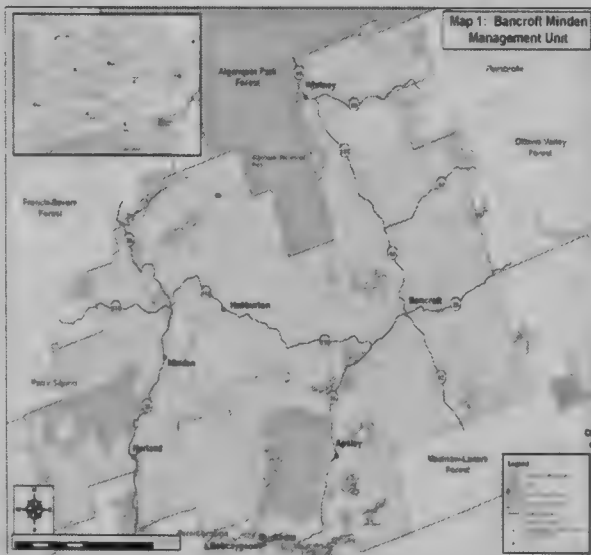
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This audit evaluates the forest management performance from April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2006 by conducting a thorough review of the management plan, annual reports and other documents, field inspections of harvesting and other operations, and interviews with MNR and company staff and stakeholders. During the audit, about 20% of the field operations will be examined.

The auditors, ArborVitae Environmental Services Ltd., invite comments on:

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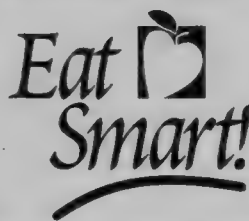
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Everyone needs to get on bandwagon

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one right in front of us. We just need to implement those ideas and get moving."

And aesthetics are only a part of what the BIA could accomplish. Largely, a successful BIA requires a co-operative council, and at Tuesday's meeting, the attendance of Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch and Councillors Clayton Cameron, Rick Ratcliffe and Peter Oyler attest to the commitment of the current Minden Hills council.

"We hear of a lot of people here who want to resurrect the BIA," Murdoch said. "And we on council are saying we want to work with a strong BIA. That's a great partnership forming right there."

McMahon added, "What I'm hearing from council is that they want to see Minden revitalized. The timing is right, the environment is right, the time is now."

And, as Oyler pointed out, a successful BIA takes the full commitment, not only of council, but also of all businesses.

"I would hope that some of the store owners here tonight would reach out to their neighbours and invite them to the next meeting," he said. "It's important to have everybody on board."

At such early stages of its rebirth, it is hard to say what direction the new BIA will take to improve the look of Minden, attract new visitors (and tourist dollars) into the town, strengthen the local economy, specifically the downtown core, expand the BIA to include all business

and encourage 100 per cent participation and co-operation.

Assuming that there will be full co-operation from the business within the BIA, many were eager to share some good ideas at Tuesday's meeting about what the BIA should look like and what type of work it should do.

George Farrell, a local filmmaker, thinks that the first thing to be done is to spread the gospel about promoting Minden. Change minds, he says, before starting action because the BIA will only work if everyone is onboard.

"We need to make the business owners realize that by promoting the town, they are actually putting money in their pocket," he said. "Convincing people should be the starting point because it is also the toughest part."

Monk thinks otherwise.

"The town desperately needs a clean up and it costs nothing," he said. "Once you get the town looking good and cleaned up, there will be a definite change in attitude towards the town and its promotion."

To Monk's suggestion, Judy Coward, an economic development consultant with the Ministry of Agriculture,

Food and Rural Affairs, suggested a town clean-up day where everyone, residents and business owners alike, participates in cleaning up the streets, sidewalks, flower planters and parks.

She added that a day devoted to cleaning up the town also serves as a stepping-stone to developing further ideas about the town's improvement or revitalization.

Deborah Lyons, who owns the Storeroom in Minden, wonders whether a face-lift is the first order of business of a new BIA.

"I'd have no problem fixing up my building," she said. "But will that really bring people into Minden? People are not going to come in on a Saturday unless there is a draw."

Lyons says that when she lived in the Beaches neighbourhood of Toronto, she watched people come to walk along the lake boardwalk and then visit the town. A big draw, such as a "riverwalk", a spruced up cinema or an arts venue, she said, would serve that function and would attract cottagers, visitors and tourists to Minden who would then support the local businesses simply by being in town.

With more ideas circulating around the table, it was suggested that ideas be compiled in time for the next meeting, scheduled for May 18 in council chambers.

Public Inspection Approved 2006/2007 Annual Work Schedule Bancroft Minden Forest Management Unit

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has approved the 2006/2007 annual work schedule prepared by the Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. for the Bancroft Minden Forest Management Unit (Crown lands within Hastings, Peterborough and Haliburton counties and the District of Nipissing).

The annual work schedule describes forest operations (i.e. road construction and maintenance, harvesting, regeneration, tree planting and tending operations) that may occur between April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007. These activities are consistent with the 2006-2026 Bancroft Minden Forest Management Plan. Further information about tree planting jobs can be obtained from the Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. office at the address below.

The annual work schedule, and all subsequent revisions, is now available for public inspection and will remain available for inspection during normal business hours for its one-year term at the ministry's Bancroft District and at the Bancroft Minden Forest Inc. office (see addresses below).

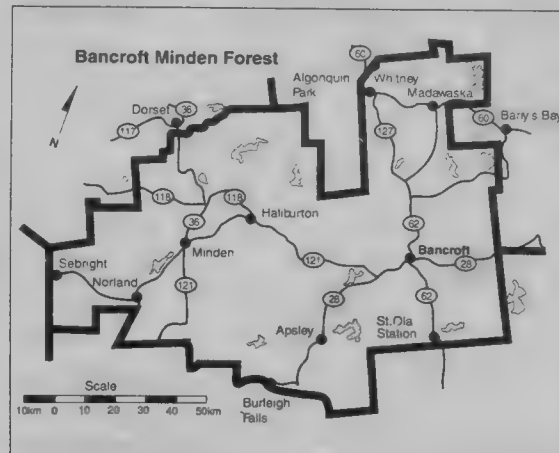
Fuelwood is available on this forest management unit. Information on the location of fuelwood areas is at the ministry's Bancroft and Minden offices (see addresses below).

A mapped summary of scheduled forest management operations, and information regarding the annual work schedule, can be obtained by contacting the Bancroft Minden Forest Inc. or the ministry at the addresses below:

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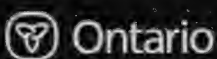
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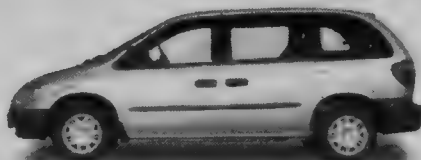
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Beef burgers are done at 71 degrees C (160 degrees F) and poultry burgers at 80 degrees C (175 degrees F). The only reliable way to know burgers are cooked to these internal temperatures is to test the

patties with a food thermometer.

"Using a digital food thermometer when barbecuing patties insures they're cooked to the proper internal temperature of 71 degrees C and also that they are tasty and juicy - not overdone," says Brenda Watson, P. Ag, Executive Director of the Canadian Partnership for Consumer Food Safety Education.

The colour of the meat is often what home cooks use as an indicator of doneness but studies have found that this is not a good way to judge burgers are cooked. Beef patties may be brown in the centre before reaching a safe temperature, or can actually remain pink even after reaching the proper temperature(2). With poultry burgers, there may not even be much of a colour change noticeable with cooking.

When testing burgers for doneness, insert the thermometer stem sideways into the centre of the burger to accurately test its doneness. Each patty should be tested for an internal temperature reading, not just one. Since the grill temperature can vary across the grill surface, the time required to reach a safe internal temperature can vary significantly from patty to patty, even if they're all the same size.

"It may sound complicated, but it's not difficult to do," says Brenda Watson. "Once you get going, you'll find it's actually much easier and less messy than cutting burgers open to check for pinkness - it's just such a simple way to resolve the 'is it done?' dilemma."

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Kathryn Verduyn
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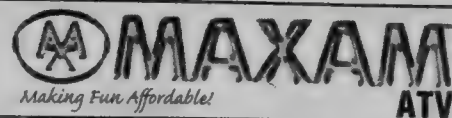
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Bravo for the HHSS annual spring concert

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Ben Young, at left on bass, will join his band-mates in Ottawa this week for the national MusicFest competition. The improv combo and jazz ensemble are performing at the National Arts Centre Thursday. The school earned the gold standard – the top honour – two years ago in Montreal. Below, Kim Gale and Meagan Batovanya play clarinet in the concert band.



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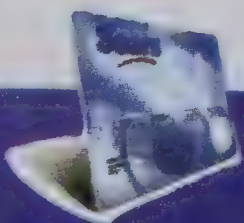


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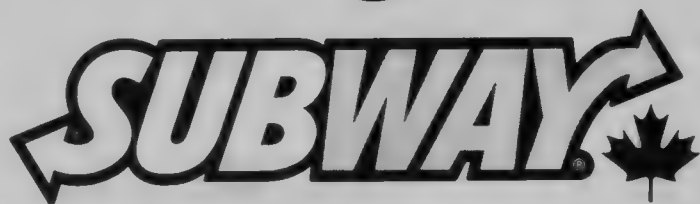
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In the matter of Section 45 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 Chapt. P. 13, as amended and in the matter of Zoning By-law Nos. 86-26 as amended, 4-81 as amended and 06-10.

File No. MV A01/2006, Part Lot 7, Concession 8, Township of Minden,

Applicant: Lois W. GRAHAM

Purpose: The applicant is requesting relief of 1.525 metres from Section 3.1(a)8 of By-Law 86-26, with respect to the side yard setback in order to construct a boathouse.

File No. MV A02/2006, Part Lot 32, Concession 4, Township of Minden,

Applicant: Heather POKRANDT

Purpose: The applicant is requesting relief of 1.525 metres from Section 4.1.6 of By-Law 06-10, with respect to the height setback in order to construct a garage with a storage unit.

File No. MV A03/2006, Part Lot 9, Concession 1, Township of Minden,

Applicant: Bryan BAKER

Purpose: The applicant is requesting relief of 3.05 metres from Section 4.7.4 (iii) of By-Law 06-10, with respect to the height setback in order to construct a two storey dwelling unit.

File No. MV A04/2006, Part Lot 10, Concession 9, Township of Minden,

Applicant: Raymond OSTER

Purpose: The applicant is requesting relief of 1.7 metres from Section 4.1.10 (e) of By-Law 06-10, with respect to the yard setback in order to construct an accessory building. The applicant is also requesting relief of 1.9 metres from Section 4.1.6 of By-Law 06-10 with respect to the height setback in order to construct an accessory building.

File No. MV A05/2006, Part Lot 15, Concession 2, Township of Minden,

Applicant: Robert TAYLOR

Purpose: The applicant is requesting relief of 8.84 square metres from Section 4.7.4 (v) of By-Law 06-10, with respect to the 25% building expansion setback in order to construct a seasonal dwelling. The applicant is also requesting relief of 5.49 metres from Section 4.7.4 (ii) of By-Law 06-10 with respect to the front yard setback in order to construct a seasonal dwelling. The applicant is also requesting relief of 2.22 metres from Section 4.7.4 (iii) of By-Law 06-10 with respect to the height setback in order to construct a seasonal dwelling.

File No. MV A06/2006, Part Lot 26, Concession 9, Township of Minden,

Applicant: Alfredo and Lisa ROMANO

Purpose: The applicant is requesting relief of 38.04 square metres from Section 4.7.4 (v) of By-Law 06-10, with respect to the 25% building expansion setback in order to construct a seasonal dwelling. The applicant is also requesting relief of 2.32 metres from Section 4.7.4 (iii) of By-Law 06-10 with respect to the height setback in order to construct a seasonal dwelling.

HEARING DATE: Tuesday, May 30, 2006
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
PLACE AND ADDRESS: Municipal Council Chambers
7 Milne Street,
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ANY PERSON may attend the public hearing and/or make written comments to the Township of Minden Hills either in support of, or in opposition of the proposed minor variance.

NOTICE OF DECISION - A copy of the decision of the Corporation will be sent to the applicant and to each person who appeared in person or by counsel at the public hearing and who has filed with the secretary-treasurer, a written request for notice of the decision.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding this application will be available for public inspection at the Building and Planning Department for the Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359, Minden, Ontario.

Dated this 17th day of May, 2006

(Ms.) Elinor Kernohan, CMO, CMM
Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment



A new look for County Life

Faithful fans of County Life will notice that it is not included in this week's Minden Times. It is now being distributed free throughout the Highlands as Cottage Times. You can pick it up at various stores in Haliburton County and read some of your favourite columns - Big Fish Boys, Walking Softly, Living by the Lake and Franka's recipes. This week we focus on active transportation. There are all sorts of helpful tips on how you can get around without the help of a combustible engine. Next week it will focus on the cycling festival about to hit Haliburton County on May 27.

Be water smart this long weekend

Few mishaps can ruin a leisurely day trip, weekend or vacation more than a serious boating incident, and as part of their countdown to the Victoria Day weekend, the OPP wants everyone to think seriously about everything they need to do to be safe on the water.

There is no shortage of lakes and rivers in our province, and taking a boat out on the water in the warmer months seems almost as common as taking a road trip. Sadly however, there are people every year who take to the water and do not take a responsible approach to participating in what should be an enjoyable outdoor pastime.

Last year there were 29 fatal boating incidents and thirty-four people killed on our waters. Unfortunately, people forget that operating a boat can sometimes be as complicated as driving a car, and a boating incident can be just as dangerous as a motor vehicle collision on land.

The rules for staying safe on the water are simple. Don't drink and boat, don't drive recklessly, wear your Personal Flotation Device (PFD) at all times, know the weather before you go out, keeping abreast of changing weather conditions that can affect your ride on the water, and keep a lookout for other boats or objects in the water around you.

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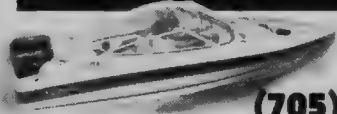
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Corey Callaghan, 10, of Kinmount paints a cat with some guidance from instructor Mary Lou Rober during children's art classes at the Kinmount Library Saturday.

Michelle Weiler, 8, of Kinmount shows her mom Julie her work. "I think she's pretty talented," Julie said. "I'm really impressed. I should have been sitting over there with her myself!"



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The Kinmount Committee for Planning wishes to extend a huge thank you to everyone who participated in the Annual Dinner Auction held at Galway Hall on April 29. Special thanks is extended to all the individuals and businesses who donated items. Don and Greg Corneil of Corneil Auctions created an evening of fun and fundraising which resulted in a net profit of \$16,500. The sold-out crowd was entertained by Loonie Auctioneer Clayton Cameron assisted by Doug Pearson. The Galway Hall Committee served a delicious dinner and patrons were entertained by Vivian Hetherington on the keyboard. Funds raised will be used to continue enhancement projects in the Heritage Park and on Main Street.

The committee is hosting a plant sale this Saturday, May 20 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Kinmount Railway Station. Please pick up any pre-ordered plants at that time. All gardeners are invited to this sale of herbs, perennials, hosta, day lilies and many varieties of annuals.

Profits from the sale will help offset the cost of the beautiful hanging baskets and barrel plantings on Main Street and in Heritage Park.

While in the Station be sure to visit the superb model railroad exhibit which will be open Saturdays and Sundays from this Victoria Day weekend until Thanksgiving. Bob Mitchell, chairman of the Kinmount Model Railroad Club [488-2057] reports that several new volunteers have come on board and more would be welcomed.

The Kinmount Farmers Market [formerly Highlands Farmers Market] will open its season this Saturday, May 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the area beside the Railway Station, continuing there every

Saturday until Thanksgiving. New vendors have already joined the market for 2006 and other interested vendors are asked to contact Liz Case at 488-1307.

Interested in walking but lack motivation or like some company? If so join the Kinmount Pharmacy Health Walk every Monday and Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. starting out from the pharmacy on Main Street. Refreshments will be available after the walk. For more information call 488-1960.

The Kinmount United

Church's delicious Hot and Cold Buffet Supper will be held this Saturday, May 20 at the Community Centre with the first sitting at 4 p.m. Adults are \$12, children under 10 years \$5 and pre-schoolers are free of charge. While there why not drop in downstairs at the Artisans Marketplace for tax free shopping which will continue through the Victoria holiday.

Advance tickets are available for the Royal Canadian Legion's Loonie Auction and Dinner on Saturday, June 3 with dinner at 6 o'clock and auction to follow. There are lots of great merchandise items and services to bid on including a pair of Wrangler jeans signed by Country-Western Star Alan Jackson! Tickets are \$10/person. For more information call 488-3264 or 488-2318.

The Minden Community Police Annual Bake Sale and Membership Drive takes place this Saturday, May 20 on the Village Green, Minden from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30

p.m.. In addition to buying some home made treats come and find out more about the work of this group and the value of becoming a member.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

May 9 contract bridge at Stanhope: Betty Schlotter and Ray Moore had the afternoon's only Slam. Leading the scoring at

5460 was Pat Hannah followed by Ray Moore 5210, Margo Davidson 5180 and Betty Schlotter 5130. Joan

Davies won the lucky draw, Lita Peirol the Shiny Penny and for Pat the "N.S.H." Award for being the "Not So Holy" Hannah. Members please note that with the Banquet coming up on May 23rd and then on the next Tuesday, May 30th the Haliburton/Muskoka Seniors Games Bridge at the Stanhope Firehall there will not be regular bridge there until June 6th.

May 9 bid euchre at Minden Legion: Top marks went to Tom Grix at 320 then Gala Stamp 279 and Maria Tschida 267. Maria took a moonshot along with Pat Roussel, Albert Foster and Marcy Morgan while Tom Grix, Don Burch, Elli Langpohl and Helen Henderson held the hidden scores.

May 9 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: For the ladies Gala Stamp was high and Pearl Cowen low with Harold Harvie high man and Gene Newell low. Emily Harvie won for lone hands and Dorothy McElwain took the draw prize.

May 9 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: Top team members were Alf Briscoe and Sandy Poulton with 308 followed by Hazel Dorman and Connie Sawyer 275 and Diane Platt partnered with Marj Hamilton 274. Paul Poulton and Grace Berardi had the low of 95.

May 10 bid euchre at Stanhope: Pink leader was Marion Farr at 363 with Mary Pearson 316 second and Estelle Marrill 262 third. For the whites honours went to Rob Evans 321 with Pat Scadden and Chris Clarke next tied at 304. Moonshots landed on Marion Farr, Chris Clarke, Muriel Harrington and Helen Henderson.

May 10 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: First in North/South were Pat Hannah and Muriel McIntosh at 58% then Stella McMillan and Ross Davies at 57%. For East/West it was Dorothy and Tom Howat first at 57% with Bruce Armstrong and Howie Ryan second at 53%.

May 10 Kinmount Seniors euchre at Kinmount Legion: For the ladies Theresa Deak was high and Marcy Morgan low. Continuing the family honours John Deak was high man and Frank Franzen low with Mildred St. Thomas winning for both lone hands and the draw.

May 11 euchre at Minden Legion: Pearl

Cowen and Lorne Dinesen won for lone hands with Shirley Kuni and Linda Hopkins recording the high scores. Low scores went to John Mallon and Shirley while Margaret Fletcher, Lorne Dinesen, Murray McKinnon, Don Hicks and Don Burch took the other prizes.

May 12 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: North/South winners were Carol McCord and Ross Davies at 57% with Margo Davidson and Chuck Wilson second at 52%. In East/West

Freda Norman and Reet Murray led at 61% with a three way tie for second at 48%.

May 12 Pizza Night at Club 35: Both euchre and bid euchre were played along with pizza. For euchre Ray Sisson won for "most alones", Betty Wagar and Harry Randell recorded the high scores, Carol Hill and Clara Miscio the low scores with Ann McIvor receiving the baloney.

For bid euchre Peter Farr and David Lamb had moonshots and Robert McIvor the hidden score. Jean Randell topped the pinks at 283 followed by Marnie Butler 243 and Linda Lambert 241. Stan Dutka was first for the whites at 345 then Percy Butler 310 and Cliff Davison 288.

May 13 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Pat Scadden had the only moonshot while Marcel Roussel, Edith Burch and Albert Foster took the draws. Pat Roussel topped the pinks at 245 followed by Jean Scadden 234 and Margaret Fletcher 204. High score for the whites went to Gala Stamp at 286 with Pat Scadden 224 second and Don Burch 218 third.

May 15 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Jeanne Keliele and Verna McDonald held the most lone hands with Kay Naylor and Bill Mosley setting the high scores. Low scores for the afternoon went to Gwen Cox and our reporter Tim Sharpe with Jesse Barlow and Bill Mosley winning special prizes and Jesse also favoured by a visit from the striped critter.

May 15 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: In first was Mike St. Thomas with Tom Grix second and Marg Viney third. Moonshots went to Jim Corbett, Thelma Francis and Mildred St. Thomas with Mildred also winning the draw.

May 15 cribbage at Minden Legion: Top marks went to Vicki Campagnolo with Helen Luffman second and Don Burch tied with Verna McDonald for third. Other winners were Pat Scadden, Gwen Cox, Don Hicks, Verna McDonald, Joe Rivers and Edith Burch. Elva Paisley reminds that there will not be cribbage on Victoria Day, May 22.

May 15 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Albert Foster won for high hands, Gala Stamp for lone hands, Diane Peacock for low hands and our reporter Elaine Yeo took the draw. The group was pleased to welcome newcomer Barb Callaghan and to welcome back Peter O'Reilly.

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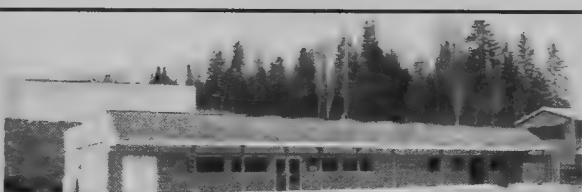
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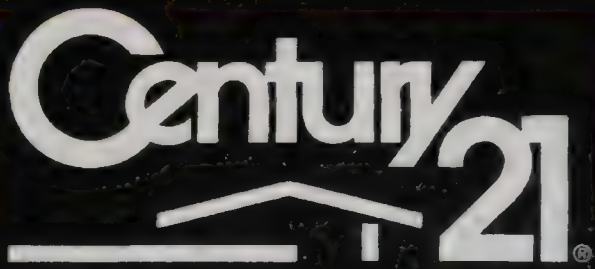
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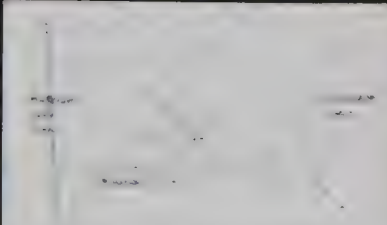
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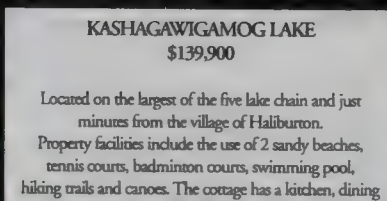
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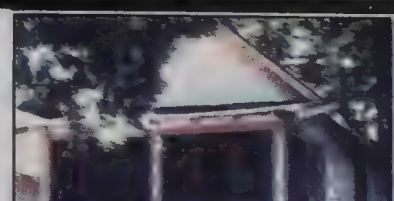
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3 bdrm cottage plus bunkie on a level lot w/rippled sand beach. Excellent location. Knotty pine interior. Wraparound deck. Fabulous view. Year round access.
John Hinds 286-2138



KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE \$139,900

Located on the largest of the five lake chain and just minutes from the village of Haliburton. Property facilities include the use of 2 sandy beaches, tennis courts, badminton courts, swimming pool, hiking trails and canoes. The cottage has a kitchen, dining area, full bathroom, 2 bedrooms and a screened porch. The lake is just steps away for swimming.
All of this and more.

Tom & Gail Tempest 286-2138



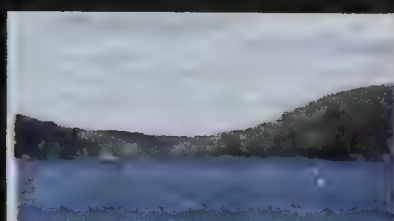
TWELVE MILE LAKE ACCESS \$199,500
Completely renovated 3 bedroom home features cathedral ceilings, stone fireplace, landscaped lot + a huge workshop/garage. Level lot with access to the docking area across the road. An affordable way to enjoy this 3 lake chain.
Lee Gauthier 754-3891



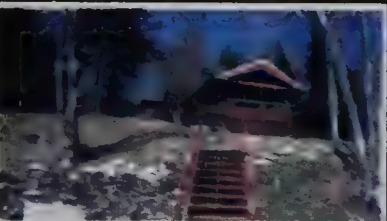
AFFORDABLE COTTAGE \$174,000
Enjoy all the benefits of waterfront w/o paying a high price! Deeded access to Halls Lk. Immac. & well cared for 2 bdrm & 2 bath cottage. Sunroom, main fl ktry, totally winterized, 2 car garage! Darrell & Kim Stamp 457-2128



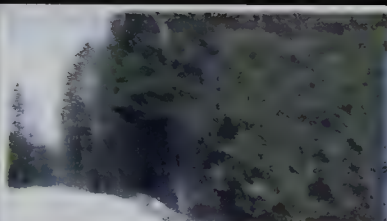
HIGHLAND STREET \$287,400
Just move in! Fabulous 2 br., 3 bathroom, open concept brick bungalow in excellent location. Close to hospital. Municipal services. Efficient heating. FP. Over \$50,000 in upgrades. Partially finished bsmt w/walkout. Main floor laundry. Attached garage. Zoned for two family use.
John Hinds 286-2138



BEAR LAKE STARTING AT \$180,000
Large waterfront lots on private lake of only 26 cottages and homes. Hydro to lot line and year round access.
Tom Wilkinson 286-2138



OUTSTANDING WINTERIZED COTTAGE \$314,000
Exceptional 3 BR fully winterized cottage with cathedral beamed ceiling, woodstove, EBB, heated waterline with UV filter, pine interior, large screened porch. Awesome!!
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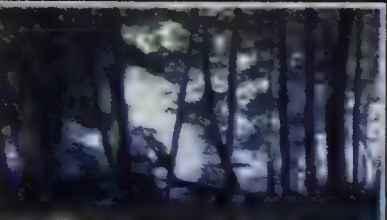
HOSPITALITY RD. \$59,900
73 acres close to Minden, well-treed, private & fairly level!
Kristen Withey 286-2138



DAVIS LAKE \$259,000
Neat and clean, 3 bedroom cottage with year round access. Sandy shoreline, southern exposure on large 1.25 acre lot. Easily winterized for year round use.
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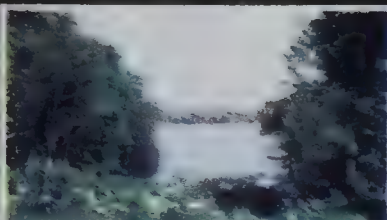
IRONDALE RIVER \$369,000
Ultimate privacy with 3000' of uninterrupted riverfront and wooded 43 acres. 4 bdrm, 2 storey home has cathedral ceilings, hardwood & ceramic floors. Sunroom & deck offer views of the waterfall below.
Anne Moulton 286-2138



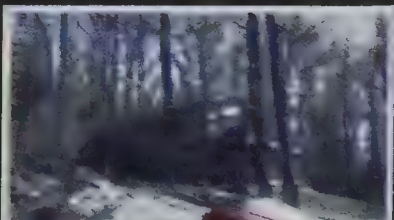
BEECH RIVER \$129,000
Private river front lot for cottage or home, 3 minutes from large body of water. Level, with year round road.
Bob Austin 457-2128



HALIBURTON LAKE ACCESS \$189,000
Fully winterized cottage/home-Vicory with 2 BRs, 4 pc bath, drilled well, septic (1992), totally upgraded 200amp hydro, wood & electric heat & bonus deeded access across the road to Haliburton Lake - sand beach & dock.
Lee Gauthier 754-3891



WEST LAKE \$79,900
Great building lot w/yr rnd access & ownership on both sides of the road. Super view of West Lake, bldg site partially cleared, lot serviced by hydro & phone. Price does not include GST.
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BOB LAKE \$324,900
Four season cottage w/a beautiful view of Bob Lake. 242 ft of sandy, child friendly, waterfront. Pine trim & flooring. Bright & cheerful cottage w/3 bdrms.
Kristin Withey 286-2138



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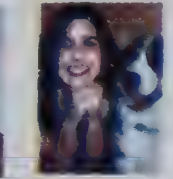
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A little water doesn't stop fun-loving ATVers

HATVA is off and riding on what is shaping up to be a busy season. Rides in April and May brought groups of riders to the Highlands to enjoy our trails. Recently, on the first weekend of May, Haliburton ATV Association hosted a ride for 24 riders from the Maitland Club, near Collingwood who all stayed at The South Wind Motel.

The ride took them up Anson Mountain, one of the

more challenging trails in the Highlands. Not for the faint of heart, this trail is best taken with a group of experienced ATVers who know the area and who know how to cope with "situations" that inevitably arise. Riding through beaver ponds and navigating a machine over boulder strewn trails and up steep, rocky hills delights ATVers who see themselves as

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STANHOPE LIFE

Pauline Johnson
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Hugh Trusk/Special to The TIMES

Bob Johnson, President of HATVA, crosses an area flooded by the construction of a beaver dam, part of the challenging Anson Mountain Trail.

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LITTLE HAWK LAKE

Majestic views from this 2 bdrm cottage plus bunkie well kept property. Wet slip boat house & great dock facilities on 135' waterfrontage. Backs onto crown land & short boat ride from Marina. Unique & rare property on Little Hawk Lake.

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SOUTH LAKE

Quality built (2003) Viceroy cottage/home, fully winterized for yr-round use. Over 1 acre, level lot, well treed & private. 2 bdrms, full w/o bsmt, pine kit, open concept, cathedral ceilings, all glass facing lake, wood stove, drilled well, septic, western exp., close to town. One of a kind property! Ask for Doug. More pics @ www.dougjohnson.ca

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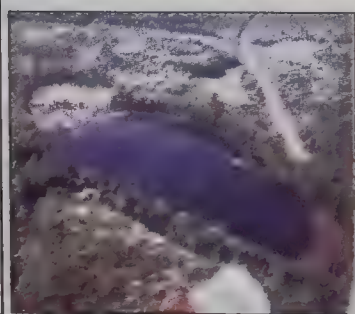


LITTLE BOSHUNG

Fabulous three lake chain, spacious, well maintained 3 bdrm cottage/home, featuring antique cookstove in kitchen, stone FP with insert and bright sunroom, open concept design, nice decking & docking, sunny SW exposure, detached 1.5 car garage/workshop (900 sq ft) level lot, miles of boating & great fishing. Deep water off dock.

\$295,000

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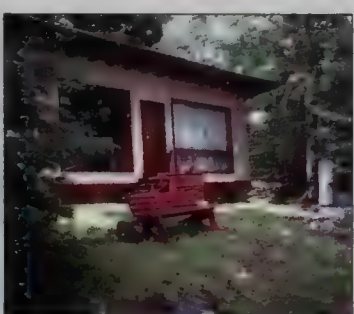


PRIVATE LAKE 129 ACRES

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HALLS LAKE

This 2 bdrm cottage has pine floors, stone FP with lrg open concept LR to kitchen. Also has separate family room. New septic installed last fall. Great boating, swimming & big lake view.

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MOUNTAIN LAKE

Gorgeous 3 bdrm Viceroy style cottage with open concept living room, dining & kitchen area. Pine cathedral ceiling & pine floor. Wall of windows to deck with great view. Year round road and desirable area.

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The first of five hazardous waste days is this Saturday

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modern day coureurs du bois. Problems such as deflated tires, water in engines, and logs stuck between an axle and a wheel are promptly dealt with by HATVA riders who have had years of experience.

Were someone to be riding alone and encounter one of these mishaps, they could be in serious trouble but in a group of 24 riders, knowledge and ingenuity make each mishap part of the adventure to be remembered and recounted later on. Riders inevitably go home, vowing to return for future rides. The Fireside Resort at Ox Narrows has two groups of Americans returning this month, having been thrilled with their rides last year.

Bob Johnson smiled when recalling a conversation he had had with an American who called last week to see what conditions were like in Haliburton. The rider had heard about our black flies from a brother-in-law who fished up here. He asked, "How are the bugs up there? We want come up and do some riding and fishing."

Bob laughingly responded, "We ride all the time. If we Canadians can handle the blackflies, I'm sure you Americans can. Just dress appropriately and keep moving."

Those who want to get in on any of the more than 10 remaining trail rides, can check out the HATVA website at www.haliburtonatv.com. Participants must be mem-

bers of HATVA or must purchase a one-day OFATV trail pass at the beginning of the ride.

Residents of the township of Algonquin Highlands are reminded of the 2006 Household Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, May 20 at Maple Lake Landfill from 1 to 5 p.m.. This is the first of five such days this year. Landfill user identification cards must be shown. For further information, please call 705-489-2379.

Registration for the Algonquin Highlands Swim Program this summer at Elvin Johnson Park, Halls Lake, is on Saturday, May 20 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Stanhope Community Hall on North Shore Road. The swim program offers all levels of Red Cross and Lifesaving Society lessons. Space is limited and levels fill up quickly on a first come, first served basis. For more information, contact the Algonquin Highlands Recreation Department located at the Dorset Recreation Centre in Dorset by calling 705-766-9968 or by dropping a line to drc@vianet.on.ca.

To submit any item of interest to this regular weekly column, please e-mail bpjohnson@sympatico.ca or call (705) 489-3878. Share what you know about what's happening in Stanhope, what Stanhope residents are up to or how you enjoyed a particular event or gathering.

REAL ESTATE



MINDEN ON THE RIVER

A Rare find, beautiful stone 2 storey 2 bdrm home in prime location, in-town on the Gull River. Home completely upgraded for comfort, yet retaining it's original charm, stone fireplace. Separate dining room, separate room for home office use, nearly 2000 sq. ft. living space, separate large garage (original small barn), private setting, nicely landscaped. Walk to shopping, boat to beautiful Gull Lake. Call Al Mayo for appointment.

Just Listed \$324,500

KUSHOG LAKE AREA

Just listed modern almost new Royal Home on 5 acres w/view of Kushog Lake. Home shows to perfection. Main floor laundry, 2 full baths, large enclosed Sun Porch, level lot, year round municipal rd, school bus route. Enclosed double garage. Pride of owner ownership. Value priced for early ownership. Call Al Mayo to view.

\$279,900



WATERFRONT IN TOWN

Well maintained 2 bedroom waterfront home in area of upscale homes. Many upgrades including large bathroom w/Air Massage tub, & separate shower. Large dining room, large master bdrm, w/walk in closet. Detached garage, dock at front, enjoy the river, boat to Gull Lake. Nice level lot, walk to town. Call Al Mayo to view.

\$269,900



CENTURY HOME KINMOUNT

Four bdrm, 1500 sq ft 2 storey century old home in excellent condition, many upgrades including windows, new furnace. Hardwood floors, high ceilings, charming throughout. Separate double garage, plus large insulated workshop. Large lot, mature trees. On edge of town, priced for early possession. Call Al Mayo to view.

\$169,000

MINDEN IN TOWN ANSON ST.

Neat & tidy 3 bdrm bungalow, on quiet residential street, with access to Gull River close by. Home just freshly painted and ready to move in. Excellent location, level lot priced to sell. Call Al Mayo for showing.

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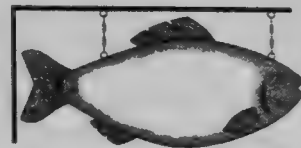
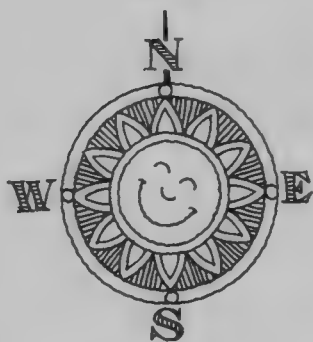
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long weekend yard sales



1 GIANT YARD SALE
Saturday May 20th
Sunday May 21 (rain date)
 Green Gables Road, South of Moore Falls.
 Some antiques and other items.

2 YARD SALE
Saturday May 20 & Sunday May 21.
 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
 1507 Kashawigamog Lake Rd.
 in Ingoldsby - Rain or Shine.
 Everything must go; make an offer!

3 MOVING SALE
May 20th, 21st, and 22nd.
 31 Invergordon Av., Minden
 Kayak, Air Conditioner, Portable toilet, typewriter, etc.

4 MEGA YARD SALE - 4 HOUSE SALE
Saturday May 20th
 8:00 am - 5 pm.
 #5, 6, 8 & 10 Stouffer St. Minden.
 Tools, sporting goods, clothes, China, etc.

5 MINDEN KIN CLUB. 50TH ANNIVERSARY YARD SALE
May 20 - 8:00am - 4:00pm
 26 Prince Street, Minden
 Rain or Shine
 "All yard sale proceeds to Cystic Fibrosis"

6 HUGE GARAGE SALE
Saturday, May 20 & Sunday, May 21, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 1612 Duck Lake Rd., across from the Blairhampton Golf Course
 Golf balls galore, entertainment unit, hammock, toaster, coffee maker, base-board heaters, curtains, collectibles, and much more.

7 GIANT YARD SALE
Sat. and Sun May 20 & 21.
8am - 4pm
 #2376 South Lake Road, Minden.
 From tools to toys, something for everyone!

8 LARGE FAMILY SALE
Sat. May 20, 9am - 1pm
 1658 Horseshoe Lake Rd, Minden
 Dble. Bed frame, 2 single bed fr.
 Bedding, 2 night tbls, books, ladies S-L, men L-XL clothes, kit/cottage stuff, heated dog house, alum. Canoe, 2 win98 IBM laptops, 2 PDAs, more.
 All priced to sell!

9 GARAGE SALES
Sat. May 20th
 2126 and 2316 North Shore Rd., Maple Lake
 Moving/Downsizing!
 It has to go!

10 THE HALIBURTON DANCE ARTS FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE ARE HOLDING THEIR 2ND ANNUAL YARD SALE
Sat. May 20th - from 8am-1pm
 at the Haliburton Dance Arts Studio on 19 George St., Haliburton

11 HUGE 2 FAMILY YARD SALE
Saturday May 20 - 8am-4pm
Sunday May 21 - 9am-4pm
 Strawberry Drive off Hwy 21 (across from Bethel Road)

12 GARAGE SALE
Saturday May 20, 10am-3pm
 1190 Big Hawk Road, RR2, Minden.
 (on the way to the Historic Log Chute)
 Toys, collection of Lego, Construx, Kinex, trucks etc.
 Arctic Cat suits, helmets, boots, mitts, etc.

13 MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE
Saturday & Sun, 8am-4pm
 1058 Nesbit Road, Minden.
 Tools, household items, clothes, many new items.

14 NEIGHBOURHOOD YARD SALE
9am-2pm
 Halbiem Cres.
 Portion of the proceeds will be donated to 4C's.

15 MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE
May 20 & May 21
 1329 Gelert Road
 Oak dresser, camp toilet, cupboards, clothing, doors, furniture, household items, electronics and more.

16 AN UN-GARAGE SALE.
 1028 Kennaway Rd.
 Women's size XL clothes, Exercise bike \$50, treadmill \$50, Solid wood kitchen table & chairs \$150, Pine TV stand \$75, easy chairs, snow blower and lots more. 457-9666

17 YARD SALE
May 20
 Royal Canadian Legion Br. 129, Haliburton
 in the parking lot.

18 LIONS CLUB YARD SALE
Saturday May 20, 8am to 3pm
 463 George St, in town, Parking lot, Masonic Hall
 Huge assortment of 'stuff'
 Haliburton and District Lions Club
 All proceeds go to Community Betterment.

19 DOMAIN OF KILLIEN ON DRAG LAKE IS HAVING A LARGE BY THE LAKE SALE
May 20 & 21, 8am-4pm
 1282 Carroll Road, off Harburn Road, follow signs.
 Many resort items, too many to list!

20 BOOT, CRAFT AND PIE SALE
Sat. May 20th, 8:30am-1:30pm.
 Haliburton United Church
 Refreshments and barbecue lunch.
 Vendors wanted - Call Jane at 457-1715 to book your space for your "Boot" or Craft table.

21 HUGE GARAGE RENOVATION SALE
Saturday/Sunday, 8am-4pm
 1059 Surban Court, West Guilford
 Something for everyone.

22 GIANT YARD SALE
Sat. May 20, 8am - 3pm
 4 Eastern, at Riverside, Haliburton.
 Best Sale in Town! Great Selection!
 Something for everyone! Come one,
 Come all! Bring a friend!

23 GIGANTIC YARD SALE
May 20 & 21, 8am-4pm
 1 mile in Blairhampton Rd, #2295.
 (off Hwy 21 at Allsaw Bridge)
 Good stuff, good prices. Paddleboat,
 (3 seater), Tools.

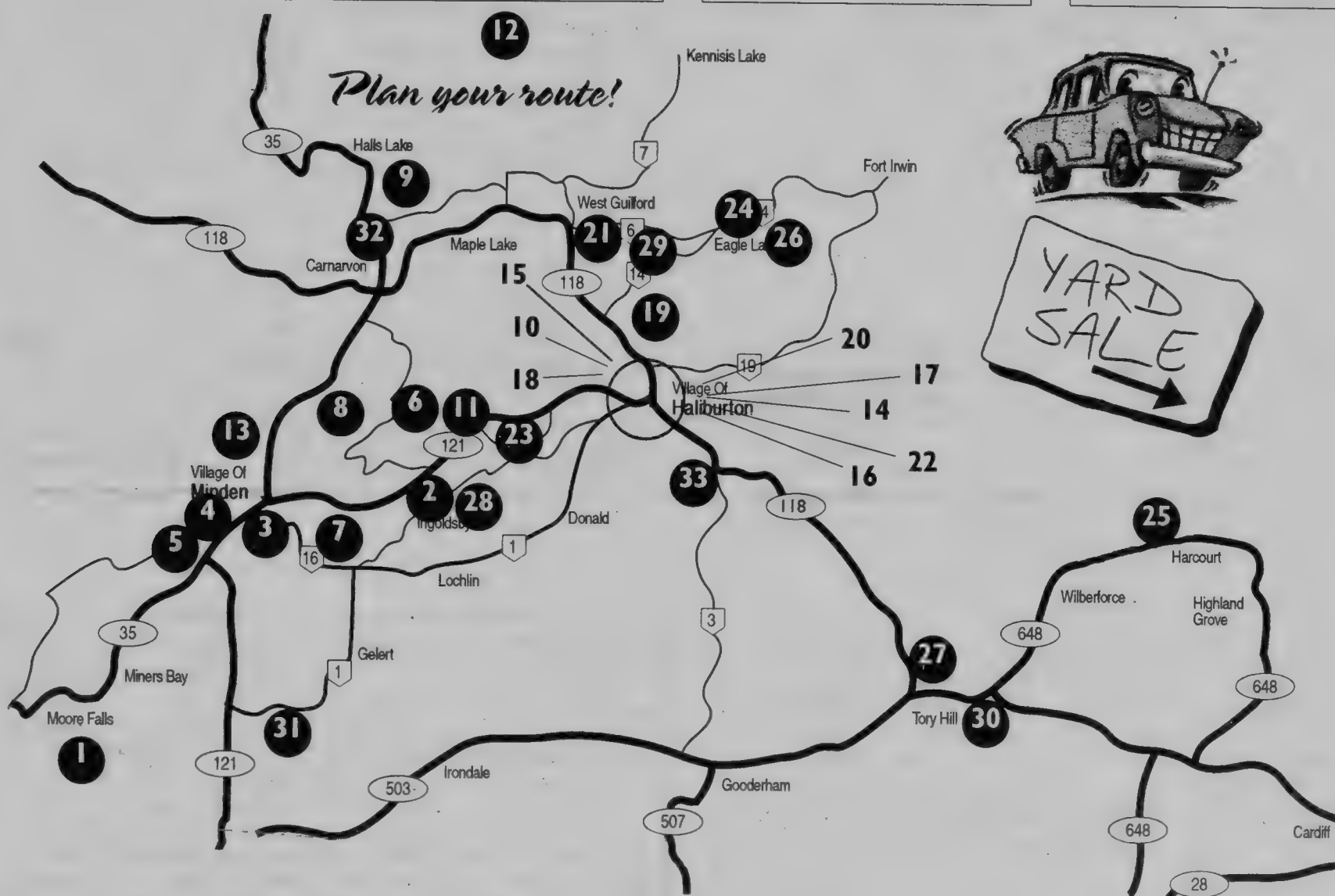
24 GARAGE SALE
Sat. and Sun. 9am-3pm
 1106 Ross Rd, Eagle Lake
 New and used items. New - pine
 table, afghan, wood crafts. Used -
 wine making kit, swing door, ceiling
 fan, baby swing set, triple dresser, and
 much more!

25 YARD SALE
Sat. May 20, 9am-4pm
 Mumford, Rd. Harcourt. Kids stuff,
 books, dishes and more!

26 ANTIQUES, TOOLS, AND JEWELS.
May 20 from 8am-3pm.
 Follow signs with balloons from Sir
 Sams Ski Area Parking lot.
 Household items incl.
 China cabinet.

27 SALE
May 20-22, 9am - 3pm
 1074 Legacy Rd. RR1, Tory Hill
 Household variety, treadle, sewing
 machine, pictures, frames, dried
 wreaths, concrete sculptures, rustic
 chair.

28 GIANT YARD SALE
Saturday May 20th,
9am - 1pm
 at Ingoldsby United Church



29 MOVING SALE
Sat. May 20 & Sun. May 21,
9am - 2pm
 1107 Eagle Lake Rd., West Guilford
 No Early Birds, Please!

30 ART AND CRAFT SALE!!
18639 Hwy 118, Tory Hill
 Old United Church (Artech Studios)
 One-of-a-kind Handblown glass.
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 Discount Prices.

31 YARD SALE
Sat. May 20th - all day!
 1110 Milburn Road (off Gelert
 County Rd. 1, just South of Gelert,
 3rd House on the right, after
 the one-lane bridge over Drag River).
 All proceeds to benefit Princess
 Margaret Hospital
 Breast Cancer Research.

32 YARD SALE
Sat. and Sun. May 20 & 21,
1014 Parasol Drive
 North of Carnarvon off Hwy 35,
 Tools, hardware, shop stuff.

33 YARD SALE
Sat. May 20, 9am - 4:30pm
 Hwy 118 east of Haliburton, #15416,
 2nd house on right past Camp
 Adelaide.
 Tools, household items, new items,
 furniture, and much more.



Having a long weekend yard sale?

Contact us to place a listing in the long weekend yard sale feature.
 Call Sabrina at (705) 457-1037 or Joanne at (705) 286-1288.
 Deadline for submissions is on Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. the week
 prior to the long weekend.

Sign up for children's swim program

Dorset's Pitch-In Day held on Saturday, May 6 was well attended and very successful. Thank you to all the groups, families and volunteers who "pitched-in" to help tidy up the lovely hamlet of Dorset.

Dorset Family Movie Night takes place on Friday, May 19 at the Dorset Recreation Centre starting at 7 p.m.. Admission is by donation and the popcorn is free. Treats will be available for purchase.

Don't miss the Dorset Victoria Day Weekend Arts and Crafts Show at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Saturday, May 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.. There will be lots of wonderful creations to view and purchase and a delectable lunch will be available. For more information, please contact the Rec Centre at 705-766-9968.

Registrations for the Algonquin Highlands Summer Swim Program held at Elvin Johnson Park (Hall's Lake, about 35km south of Dorset) take place on Saturday, May 20 at the Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall on Northshore Road from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m..

The program offers all levels of Red Cross and Lifesaving Society. For more information, you can contact the Dorset Recreation Centre at 705-766-9968.

The Dorset Heritage

Museum is looking for help in getting the museum ready for its grand opening on June 17. No special talents are needed. If you can wash down display cases, paint shelves and other types of cleaning chores, your help would be greatly appreciated. If you feel you could give a few hours, please call the museum at 705-766-0323 and leave a message. Thank you!

The Dorset Heritage Museum is looking for antique vendors for an exciting one-day event held on Saturday, July 15. If you are an interested vendor, please call 705-766-2814 for more information.

More Heritage News – help wanted! The Dorset Heritage Museum and Tourist



DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano

705-766-0076

melalfano@hotmail.com

Information Centre require summer help from June 5 to September 1 (13 weeks) to work a 30 hour week Wednesday to Sunday. Applicants should have knowl-

edge of the Dorset area and interest in the Heritage Museum. Please send resumes to Dorset Heritage

Museum, P. O. Box 84, Dorset, Ontario, POA 1E0.

Work has begun on the next issue of, "The Drainpipe" covering July, August and September. Any groups wishing to be included should contact Melissa at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays between 9 and 5 p.m. by calling 766-9968 or sending an email to drc@vianet.on.ca. The cost to be in one issue is \$20 to help with printing and postage.

There will be a Creative Memories "scrapbooking" Workshop with Ruth Lynch, Dorset's own Creative Memories Consultant. Just starting or "pro", this Workshop offers you the time, the space, ideas AND the use of exclusive Creative Memories "speed" tools and methods and its fun! Come for the day, half day, evening or all day AND evening! The date is Thursday, May 25 at the Dorset

Recreation Centre and the times are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.. The all day fee is \$25.00, which includes a light lunch, snacks and beverages. The half-day option; evening fee is \$15 and the day and evening fee for 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. is \$30. Reserve your space today by calling Ruth at 705-766-1148 or the Dorset Rec Centre at 705-766-9968.

Tickets are now available for the annual Dorset Volunteer Fire Department's Pig Roast and Dance. The date is Saturday, May 27 at the Dorset Recreation Centre and the cost is \$30 per person. Please call Donna Keul for tickets at 705-766-9253.

Allie Chisholm-Smith from Ahimsa – The Yoga Room in Huntsville is coming to Dorset to teach yoga suitable for all levels for the five Friday's in June. If you are interested, would like to pre-register or would like more information, please call the Recreation Centre at 705-766-9968. The five classes will be free so that people can come out and try yoga although donations would be greatly appreciated to support programs like this.

Birthday wishes for the week of May 14 to 20 go out to Al McMullen, Judy Carpenter, Norm MacKay, Steve Woolman and Luke Lock. Celebrate and have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 300(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on at the hour of 3:00 p.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

1. Original Allowance for Road
File No. RA-05-02
Applicant – Marcus Beach Cottage Owners Assoc.
Part of the original allowance for road between Lots 30 and 31, Concession 4, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 6 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8073, registered June 28, 2005.
- Shore Road Allowance Files
1. File No. 05-27
Applicant – Denise WILSON and David ING
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Big Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 2, geographic Township of Anson, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8256, registered March 16, 2006.
2. File No. 04-31
Applicant – Jane Marie O'NEILL
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of South Lake, lying in front of Lot 5, Concession 14, geographic Township of Snowdon, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8277, registered April 19, 2006..
3. File No. 05-19
Applicant – Heather BEAMISH
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lots 19 & 20, Concession 7, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8284, registered May 2, 2006.
4. File No. 05-20
Applicant – The Beamish/Laund Family Cottage Trust
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lots 19 & 20, Concession 7, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 3 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8284, registered May 2, 2006.
5. File No. 05-21
Applicant – Trustco Sub Limited
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake lying in front of Lot 19, Concession 7, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 4 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8284, registered May 2, 2006.
6. File No. 05-22
Applicant – Trustco Sub Limited
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake lying in front of Lot 20, Concession 7, geographic Township of Lutterworth designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8284, registered May 2, 2006.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Office located at 7 Milne Street, Minden during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 10th day of May, 2006.

(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, CMO, CMM
Planning Administrator

NOTICES



THE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL REQUIRES A FULL TIME ARENA/COMMUNITY CENTRE OPERATOR

The Arena/Community Centre Operator is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Arena and Community Centre according to the Municipality's by-laws, policies/procedures and applicable legislation.

Qualifications include minimum Grade 12 education and a valid Class G Driver's Licence along with technical skills in ice making, refrigeration and other mechanical maintenance for municipal recreation facilities. Applicants must be able to work with minimum supervision. The position involves variable shifts and weekend work.

The rate of pay is \$15.15 to \$17.56 per hour depending on qualifications and includes an excellent benefit package. The successful candidate will be required to provide a clean driver's abstract and OPP background check.

A job description is available upon request.

Qualified candidates are encouraged to submit a detailed resume to the undersigned by noon on Wednesday, May 31st, 2006.

Tammy McKelvey, A.M.C.T.
CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Dysart et al
135 Maple Avenue
P.O. Box 389
Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0
Tel: 705-457-1740 Fax: 705-457-1964
Email: tmckelvey@county.haliburton.on.ca

We thank all applicants but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information is collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used only for employment purposes.

Start your season swinging

A visit to the driving range is a great beginning

The golf season has finally arrived and it's time to have a tune up at the local driving ranges. There are three in the Haliburton and Minden area: Haliburton Driving range on the Gelert Road, Highlands Driving range in Carnarvon and the driving range at Blairhampton Golf Course.

When you first arrive at the driving range, it is advisable



to warm up (exercises, stretches) in order to strengthen and condition the body. Then it's time to hit some balls.

To begin, use your short irons i.e. eight, nine and pitching wedge, and practise hitting up to 100 yards.

Then try your mid irons, i.e. five, six and seven, and practise hitting, say, up to 175 yards.

Finally, it's time to test your long irons, i.e. three and four and all of your woods, using them with or without the tee except for the driver or number #1 wood which should be hit using a tee.

The driver should be the last club that you hit for the day, resulting in a very effective practice routine.

In all instances, when hitting balls have a target in mind and you'll be surprised at

how much more accurate your shots will be. Practising at the driving range should become habit during the golfing season to work on the many fundamentals in order to improve your game.

Remember, try to relax and have fun while your practising. Don't forget the sunscreen and bug spray.

GOLF TIPS

Paul Cameron
754-1206
pcgolf@sympatico.ca

Golf day

Tall Oaks Christian Academy is having a best

ball golf tournament Sunday June 4 at Lakeside Golf Club, West Guilford. The cost is \$55 per person (or collect pledges of \$100 or more and golf and eat for free). The day includes nine holes of golf and dinner with a fun auction afterwards.

Tee time is 2 p.m. and dinner will be at 5 p.m.. Please call Lakeside Golf Club at 754-2110 or Tall Oaks at 754-9364 for tickets and pledge forms.

Paul Cameron (PC Golf) is a golf teacher certified by the Canadian and United States Golf Teachers Federation and hosts the golf show "On The Tee" aired on Sundays at 12 noon on 100.9 Canoe FM. You can contact him at 705-754-1206, e-mail pcgolf@sympatico.ca for individual or group lessons.



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- The person farthest from the hole/or green shoots first unless of course you are playing "ready play" in which case whoever is ready hits first.
- Make sure all players in front of you are out of range.
- Don't forget to signal players behind you to play through when delayed or when you get a hole behind players in front.
- Repair and/or replace divots taken on fairways, tees etc., repair ball marks on greens and rake and clean sand traps after hitting out of them. Failure to take care of the golf course results in extra work for the maintenance staff and we should try to help them out whenever possible to keep the course in top flight condition.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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- **May 18:** Movie Night – Minden Hills Cultural Centre Common Room. 6:30 p.m. The Petticoat Expeditions.
- **May 19:** The Kawartha Marine Modellers will hold their next meeting on Friday, May 19 at 8:00 p.m. at Henderson House in the Kawartha Settlers' Village, 85 Dunn St. in Bobcaygeon. Anyone interested in model ship building and radio control is invited to attend. For more info call Dan at 738-1335 or Tony at 328-0526.
- **May 20:** Gooderham United Church yard sale 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the corner of County Roads 503/507 in Gooderham. Light refreshments available.
- **May 20:** Kinmount United Church will present their annual 'Hot and Cold Buffet' supper on Sat., May 20 at the Kinmount Community Centre starting at 4 p.m. Tickets are available at the door. For more information call 488-2129 or 488-2014.
- **May 24:** Community Care has a trip planned for May 24 to the World Premier performance of The Lord of the Rings. This trip includes transportation by highway coach, tickets in row D, E and F in the dress circle section of the Princess of Wales Theatre, and a delicious dinner at the Town and Country Restaurant. To travel with Community Care you must be a Trip Club Member, please call to find out more information about this trip club. 457-2941.
- **May 26:** Birds in your Woodlot. Stewardship Series, includes lunch & field trip. Kinark Outdoor Centre. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Call 286-5206.
- **May 26:** Birds In Your Woodlot – Kinark Outdoors Centre, Fri., May 26, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Over 100 species of birds can be found using woodlots in South Central Ontario. Join us as we explore our woodlots to discover and identify common and not so common birds and what role they play in the forest ecosystem. You are encouraged to bring binoculars for the field trip, as well as bird identification books. Pre-registration is required to attend. To register, please contact: 286-5201, e-mail shirley.davidson@mnr.gov.on.ca
- **May 27:** Puppetmongers – Puppetry show presented at Northern Lights Pavilion by Rails End Gallery 457-2330.
- **May 27:** Dorset Volunteer Fire Department Annual Pig Roast. Dorset.. Contact: 766-9968.
- **May 27:** Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre presents: The Puppetmongers 'Walidat the Grass Cutter' at the Northern Lights Theatre, Sat., May 27th at 3:30 p.m. A story about the difference between wealth and peace of mind comes from a collection of folk tales told in the Near and Middle East. The story is told using hand carved wooden marionettes. Tickets avail. At the gallery, 457-2330.
- **May 27 & 28:** Shifting Gears - Haliburton's Celebration of Cycling. Festival Location: Head Lake Park, Haliburton Village, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Featuring: Bike Demos, Guided road rides, Trail rides, Bike Maintenance Workshops, Helmet fitting and more! For more info. contact Sue or Angela at the HKPR District Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **May 27 & 28:** Get it OFF the Wall! Art Sale – Agnes Jamieson Gallery. You set the price...you get the sale. Tired of the old? Buy something new! Bring in your old art and then buy something new. For more information call 286-3763.
- **May 31:** David Francey – Presented by The Haliburton County Folk Society, 8 p.m. For more info. Call 754-FOLK. Email: hcfcsociety@gmail.com

- **Now until May 31:** Ontario Early Years Haliburton – Baby Sign Language is being offered in a five session workshop series. Bring your baby with you to learn hands-on how you can introduce this method of communication with your child. Starting Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please register at 457-2989.
- **Now until June 6:** Rails End Gallery – Local artist Karen Sloan featured at the gallery. 457-2330.
- **Ontario Early Years Haliburton – Developmental Screenings.** Book your time with a Public Health Nurse from HKPR District Health Unit for your child's growth and developmental screening. It's an easy & reassuring way to see if your child is on track! Call to book an appointment at our OEYC Centres – Haliburton 457-2989 or Minden 286-1770.
- **Haliburton Highlands Concert Series** – Get your Series Tickets (3 concerts). Sat., May 13 – Ensemble Vivant; Sat., Oct. 14 – Natalie Chouquette; Sat., Nov. 4 – 4 hands, 1 piano. For info. Call 457-9731.
- **Now until May 27:** 3 Graces Remembered – Exhibition at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. View lovely 18th century drawings from Charlotte Price, Anne Langdon and Catherine Reynolds.
- **Community Care** is looking for Brokered Workers to take care of housekeeping chores for seniors and disabled adults. All brokered workers are screened through our volunteer screening process. For more info., or to become a registered brokered worker, call Roxanne at 457-2941.
- **Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636,** Minden holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- **Every Monday:** Family Supper Night is held at Minden United Church (Newcastle St.) for families with preschool/school-aged children. Come anytime after 3:30 prepared to help with supper preparation, childcare or cleanup. Call Amanda Austin 286-3592 by 9 a.m. Monday morning if you plan to attend, or call for cost and details.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the Highland Crest Senior Citizen's home in Minden. All men and the women who love them are welcome. For info. please contact Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.

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Auctions A120

Annual Spring Boat, RV, and Equipment Sale Sat., May 20 - 10 a.m. at Mabee Auctions. Hwy 35, 1 mile North of Rosedale. Book early! Consignment welcome! All marine, ATVs, trucks, campers, etc. Call 705-454-2431 or 454-2841.

Furniture A190

Medium Pine table and benches. L68" x W25" Good condition. \$600. 286-4200 or 286-4140.

Machinery A220

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Miscellaneous A230

20% - 30% off all Boat & Snowmobile Inventory. Big Hawk Landing marina is Sold! But \$30 and get 20% off or buy \$100 and get 30% off! Call Mike at 705-489-2429

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Miscellaneous A230

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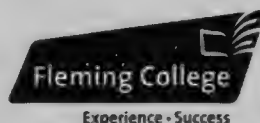
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Viewing and Sale Date on Saturday, May 27, 2006 from 9am-12 noon at Fleming College/ MTO Building, Highway 21. The sale is a first come, first serve basis. All items are subject to a reserve. Payment by cheque will only be accepted. All items must be removed by purchaser, at their own expense, by June 16, 2006.

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Note: Only those applicants considered for an interview will be contacted.



Family Services of Haliburton County is seeking male students to fill the following Summer Positions:

Male Summer Recreation Worker

To work one-on-one with children with special needs at local camps and in community settings. Experience working with children and a background in sports and recreation would be helpful. Duties will also require attending to personal needs of children. Vehicle required. Valid First Aid and CPR required.

Male Day Camp Counselor

Must show enthusiasm and ability to work under the direction of a supervisor and be a "team player". Experience working with children and a background in sports and recreation would be helpful. Bronze Cross swimming certificates an asset. Duties will also require attending to personal needs of the children. Valid First Aid and CPR certificate required.

Please forward resume to Tanya Hunter, Family Services of Haliburton County, P.O. Box 1306, Haliburton, K0M 1S0 or fax (705) 457-3492

or e-mail fshc@familyserviceshaliburton.ca by May 19th, 2006.

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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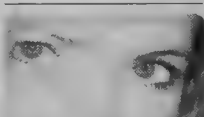
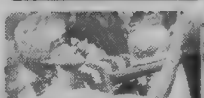
Coming Events A940

YARD & BAKE SALE - Sat. June 17 - Gelert Community Hall. Opportunity for vendors. Rent a table!! Deadline to book is June 3. Donations for both yard and bake sale greatly appreciated. All proceeds to help maintain Gelert Hall. Contact Terry Carr 286-3199

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1 Mile Drive, #1049 (off Hwy 118, approx. 14km West from Carnarvon) May 20, and 21 from 9am - 2pm. Something for Everyone!

Coming Events A940

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HHSS Flute Choir (with former members) and Reconnaissance (Orillia Community a capella choir)
FRIDAY JUNE 2ND
7:30PM
Minden United Church
21 Newcastle Street, Minden
Admission by donation at the door
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All levels of Red Cross Life Saving Society
2 Sessions
July 3 - July 21 • July 24 - August 11
Register
Sat. May 20th
10 am to 12 pm
Stanhope Community Hall
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for info call 705-766-9968

Garage Sales G100

ESTATE/GARAGE SALE West Guilford Community Centre, Sunday, May 21st, 9am-2pm

Garage Sale/ Moving Sale - 9 am to 12 noon. Something for Everyone, toys, dishes, m. furn. T.V ETC .25 and up \$\$ Wallings Rd follow garage sale signs

In Norland - one block west on Hwy. 45. Sat. May 20 and Sun. May 21. Big Yard Sale!

PRINCE ST. #37, May 19 & May 20 Washer and dryer, some furniture, dishes, car top carrier, clothing and much more.

Spring Valley Rd. #1213 - May 20 & 21, 27 & 28, Sat. 8am-6pm, Sun. 8am-4pm. Lots of tools & house contents. Everything must go!



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2ND ANNUAL REDHAWK/REDMEN ALUMNI CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

DATE: Saturday, June 17, 2006

STARTING TIME: 11:00 a.m. arrival - 12:00 p.m. shotgun start

LOCATION: Martin Wood Resort and Golf Club, Harcourt, Ont.

COST: \$100.00 per person (Includes 18 holes, a cart and dinner - all gratuities included)

NOTE: 1) All Martin Wood Golf Course rules apply (attached).
2) There is reserved spaces for the first 100 persons who call, so book your spot ASAP (reservations of either groups of 2 or 4 would be appreciated)
3) All profits from the day will benefit extracurricular activities at HHSS.

CONTACT INFORMATION: All golf reservations are to be made through Derek Little at one of the following areas:
Phone # (work): (705) 457-2950 ext. 513
E-mail: derek.little@tlds.on.ca
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Coming Events A940

BAKE SALE AT Maple Lake United Church When: Saturday May 20, 2006 Time: 9 am Doors open Buy your pies and tarts and goodies here for the long weekend. We can take orders for pies and you pick them up at the church. Call West Guilford Merrie 754-2258 Haliburton Ev Stata 457-3972

Losing a Loved one can be Devastating Maybe We Can Help! SIRCH Community Hospice is offering a seven-week bereavement group to assist you in coping with your loss. The final date for registered which is required is **May 24, 2006** Group begins **June 1, 2006** 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Please call Linda (Ext. 22) or Dorothy (Ext. 36) at 457-1742

Coming Events A940

Haliburton Dance Arts 10th Anniversary Spectacular! Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion Friday June 2, 6:30 p.m. Saturday June 3 6:30 p.m. Sunday June 4 11:00 a.m. Tickets on Sale Saturday May 20th 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. at the Studio at 19 George St. Haliburton *Some Tickets available after this date by calling 457-1561 or e-mail haliburtondance@interhop.net Don't miss this showcase featuring your favorite routines from the past 10 years!

Wintergreen Maple Syrup and Pancake Barn Open May 20 and 21 - 9 am - 4 pm Come to Wintergreen Pancake Barn Victoria Day weekend for pancakes, french toast, waffles, sausages and fresh maple syrup. Sample our BBQ sauces, jams, jellies, vinegars and fruit syrups. **Coming this summer...** 6 Jazz and Blues Concerts and Dinner \$27.00 per person. Reservations only 1-705-286-3202. 1st Concert: Saturday June 10th featuring Michael Pickett. Concert and Dinner. Info available for future dates at Wintergreen. Think Summer and Jazz and Blues.

May Events at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre
Keep Our Museum Growing: Spring Seed Sale (May 18th & 19th) - Look for our gardeners in Minden taking donations and giving out seeds.
Movie Night (May 18th) - 6:30pm - "The Petticoat Expeditions" 19th Century Canadian travel from women's perspective.
Move out of Your Box! (May 20th) - Creative catalysts to inspire out-of-the-box drawing. From 10am-12pm. \$10 per person.
Off the Wall Art Sale (May 27th & 28th) - Bring in your old art to sell, buy something new. A fundraising event for the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. Artwork can be dropped off at the gallery from Wed. to Sat. 10am-5pm.
Colour and Shape (May 27th) - A youth workshop (ages 10-14) which explores the world of colour, shape, design and sculpture. 10am-12pm. \$10 per person.
Another Point of View - David Foyn - (May 31st - June 24th) - Stunning art exhibition has it's opening on June 3rd from 2-4pm. All welcome.
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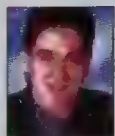


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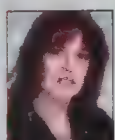


Ken Barry**
457-1011
exts. 228



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Hwy. #118 E: Well maintained 2 bdrm. home on 2 acres of property features large sunroom with southern exposure, ceramic-tiled eat-in kitchen, cozy livingroom with wood stove, large picture window, laminate. Home has been freshly painted and shows pride of ownership. *Call Ken Barry*

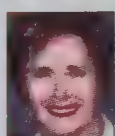


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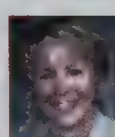


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ext. 43



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Hunter Creek Estates: Quiet, priv. & spacious 2 bdrm home with 2 baths. Nicely treed, large yard, bright open concept living room/kit area, det. garage. Immediate possession. Value priced. *Call Fred Chapple*



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Horseshoe Lake: Enjoy miles of boating and fishing on this two lake chain. This immaculate 4 bedroom, fully insulated Viceroy home/cottage features 155' of lakefront, central heat, vacuum, sunken living room and garage. *Call Lenor Fulton*

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\$245,000

Cranberry Lake: 4 season cottage close to ski hill. Pine interior, living area w/airtight stove, 3+ bdrm, 4 pc bath, electric/wood heat, drilled well & septic. Combination sand/natural frontage, 2 sided deck. Perfect starter or investment property. *Call Julie Gray*

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\$219,000

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Welcome to the Haliburton Envirobook 2006

The Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council and Environment Haliburton! are pleased to release the third annual Haliburton Envirobook with the support of the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

Our theme for 2006 is the wild. When we first began to think about the wild in Haliburton, we quickly came to understand how fortunate we are, living within a few hours drive of the major urban centres of eastern North America, to be able to experience the wild. We also quickly realized how fragile the wild is in Haliburton.

Keeping the wild is important to us - biophysically. As David Suzuki points out, nature provides humanity with services worth trillions of dollars. We owe our clean water as much to our abundant wetlands and our natural shorelines as to our well maintained septic systems. The spectacular rock formations underlying the highlands remind us we are here for but a brief geologic moment. Special places such as the Lochlin esker and wetlands remind us of the tremendous forces that shaped our world.

Keeping the wild is important to us - spiritually. As the poetry and stories throughout the publication illustrate, we gather inspiration from the wild. The chance encounter with a bear, the fleeting glimpse of a fox remind us that we

share the Haliburton Highlands and that our responsibility of care extends to all of life.

As in much of southern Canada, the wild is disappearing. Our security lights challenge the night skies. Our development creates fragmented habitats and blocks the natural corridors so needed for biological diversity. We create "habituated" bears who become "nuisance" bears.

However we also have many people and groups in the Haliburton Highlands whose joy and honour is to conserve and protect the wild in Haliburton.

Many thanks to those who have contributed to Wild Haliburton and special thanks to Diane Cimettas, Tiffany Gilchrist, Nate Smelle and Jonathon Sharpley for their invaluable contribution to the 2006 Envirobook.

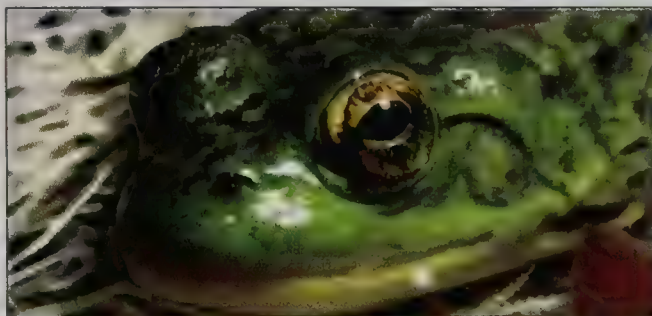


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The strength of Haliburton County is our abundance of natural resources and it behooves us to consider this in all of our decisions. Whether it is lending money to a logger or a resort operator or providing funding to a community event or local initiative we must protect our resources. This makes good business sense.

In the coming years as more and more people retire to the Highlands more and more demand will be put on

the County for services. When the waterfront lots are developed we want to still have numerous recreational activities and commercial development to attract visitors and business people to our area.

It makes for good business to involve all sectors of the County including the environmentalists, forestry operators and the tourism operators when it comes to future development of Haliburton County. But that is another topic...

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The Importance of Place

by Brent Wootton

In Haliburton County, as many as 6,000 more people are expected to become permanent year-round residents in the next five years. Although a relatively significant increase to our rural community, this is a modest increase compared to the changes in population anticipated province-wide. The Golden Horseshoe area is expected to grow by 3.7 million to a total of 11.5 million by 2031. This large increase in population will inevitably be followed by changes in the landscape.

Some of us feel alarmed at the speed and ease with which we will change our landscape. What makes us feel threatened by such changes? Is it simply nostalgia and sentimentality that has us longing for stability and rootedness in the landscape? Or is the accusation of sentimentality part of a modern sensibility that relentlessly persuades us to treat *place* as inconsequential in the contemporary world?

The philosopher Edward Casey reminds us that "to be, is to be in place". At first glance, this declaration may not appear profound. But after some reflection it is clear that the importance of *place* in our culture has eroded over time. What is profound is the resulting inward loss from this shift in being.

Indigenous peoples around the world have long embraced *place* as central to their being. They have always existed in a *sacred* cosmos, where *place* determines who and what they are. We, in the modern world, have traded *place* for abstractions of *space* and *time*. The cottage experience, while perhaps akin to the *sacred* to many cottagers, is only available on weekends and holidays. The rest of the time we are somewhere else, doing something else. This is also



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true for local residents who, while remaining in the county, will find themselves just as focused on the requirements of modern life: work, family, and home, as anyone else. *Place* no longer defines us as it once did. Some consider the ability to be free from *place* as beneficial. Modern technology allows us, in a sense, to *be* wherever and whenever we want.

However, the weakening of the importance and centrality of *place* in our lives is what allows us as a society to destroy some of the most beautiful landscapes on earth; places that once gave identity and heritage to previous communities. We are no longer passive participants in our own destiny, we expect, demand even, the ability to alter our own destinies. Now, instead of the landscape shaping us – we shape the landscape. The tourist attractions of Niagara Falls come to mind as an example of the epitome of the commodification of natural splendour. While the commercialism of nature doesn't always result in its transformation, when our relationship to it changes – when we ourselves change – we become capable of altering nature, often in ways that last forever. In southern Ontario, 80 percent of the wetlands have been lost; an equal percentage of upland woodlands have been converted to other uses.

In Haliburton we are fortunate to have an abundance of relatively pristine natural heritage. Over time it has changed from the quiet, impenetrable forests and teeming waters of the Algonkian peoples to the somewhat diminished but largely intact working forests and fisheries of late. It now serves as both the home of local residents and as the playground for permanent and transient residents. What will be the future of all the *places* that are Haliburton?

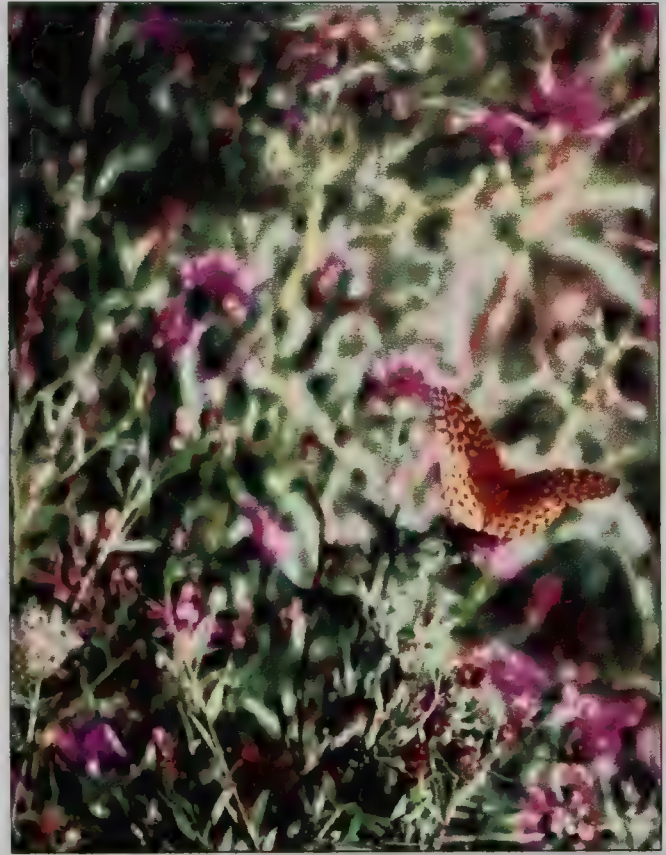
How do we honour the idea of “being in place”? Cutting ourselves off from the rest of the world is neither an option nor desirable. Haliburtonians have great pride in their natural heritage. Evidence of this is found in the diverse environmental and outdoor organizations present in the county working to protect and enhance natural heritage within our landscape. These efforts need to be sustained if we are to continue to have the privilege of cherishing what is available to us - the experience of *being* in such a remarkable *place*.

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, an emerging local organization, has a mandate of preserving natural spaces. The primary purpose of this registered charity is to “acquire, hold, manage, preserve and enhance lands and waters...of natural, environmental and/or aesthetic value for conservation purposes.” Land trusts can do more than simply acquire and hold land. A variety of legal mechanisms allows landowners to receive tax benefits in exchange for a degree of environmental protection of lands or waters through, for example, conservation easements. The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust also works toward identifying significant lands and waters of natural or cultural value and collaborates with individuals, groups, and governments to identify, manage, and/or research areas of interest. Land trusts fulfill a niche for something other than the conventional private and public (crown) structures of land tenure and can make a genuine difference in ensuring our cherished *places* are protected for future generations.

There are, of course, many convincing arguments for the preservation of wilderness that have their basis in science or economics. I, however, have chosen to echo Henry David Thoreau’s famous sentiment: “In wildness is the preservation of the world”. Indeed, preservation of our wild places is our own preservation.

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust seeks support for its goals in the form of annual memberships, donations, volunteers, and in-kind contributions. For more information please contact:

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Aphrodite Fritillary Photo Nate Smelle

Everything is natural, but not everything is necessary

The snow on the soil
So fresh it remains
Anticipating the sunshine
Until the first drop of rain

When everything beautiful
Is where and what we are
From beneath our feet
To the most distant star
Why do we bulldoze beauty
for a few dollars more?

Nate Smelle

Wildlife Corridors

A Necklace of Natural Areas throughout Haliburton by Jasmine Chabot

Have you ever driven down the highway and seen a sign indicating a deer, moose or turtle crossing? If so, you have crossed the path of a wildlife corridor. The land surrounding that sign may be either wintering (e.g., deer-yards) or feeding habitat for larger animals, or provides critical breeding sites for turtles that travel from wetland areas in search of sandy shorelines or roadsides. Animals and, indirectly plants, use corridors as dispersal or migratory routes to move from one habitat patch to another to fulfill their life-cycle requirements.

Landscape ecology is the study of spatial patterns in a landscape and the processes which influence or alter these patterns, such as human disturbance: it describes ecosystem structure, function and reaction to change. Corridors provide the inter-connectivity or link between critical habitat patches. This connectivity establishes a "web of natural habitats" across the landscape.

Natural corridors are similar to our human-made corridors of roads and power and communication networks that connect our homes to our communities. If human activities and development continues to alter, fragment, or remove large core habitats (woodlands, wetlands and other intact natural areas) and the corridors that connect these areas, the long term health of fish and wildlife species may be in jeopardy. Just imagine how we would react if our corridors were blocked and our access to town to buy groceries was compromised.

Landscape fragmentation changes or impairs ecosystem patterns and processes by altering local climatic conditions, vegetation structure and composition, and creating barriers between habitat patches for many species. As core habitat areas and their connecting corridors become progressively degraded, fragmented, and isolated because of urbanization, deforestation, pollution and climate change, the species diversity and natural functions of



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these ecosystems diminishes. Impacts from development may be minimal in Haliburton today, but as urbanization and its infrastructures continue to expand northward, the possibility of increased fragmentation and loss of biodiversity is very real.

Corridors

It is difficult to define exactly what corridors are, how large they should be, and where they should be protected and restored in order to benefit local and regional wildlife and to support biodiversity (Big Picture 2002, MNR & FON). A great example of a large-scale corridor which connects core habitats is the Algonquin to Adirondack initiative in eastern Ontario (A2A Conservation Association, 2005).

Species each have unique ecological requirements (temperature, moisture, food, water and shelter) and interactions with other species (prey & predator dynamics, symbiosis) for survival and reproduction, which makes their critical habitats unique as well. Some species need to migrate long distances between critical habitats to fulfill these ecological needs or to avoid overcrowding. Corridors enable movement between habitats. Without protected corridors, the land between these habitat islands may become barriers to dispersion because of inhospitable conditions such as urban areas, residential subdivisions or the expansion or creation of transportation and utility corridors.

Since wildlife avoids human interaction at all cost, vegetative cover that buffers disturbance between habitat patches, minimizes their stress during migration. However, some human-made corridors, such as trails, pathways, utility rights-of-way, transportation corridors, and parkways may facilitate wildlife movement if human contact is minimal, but they may also contribute to the expansion of invasive species and access to remote areas. The most vital type of corridor, however, is the riparian buffers surrounding lakes and streams because they provide both species and water quality protection.

Maintaining the naturalness of buffers and human-made corridors through conservation easements, stewardship efforts, and appropriate management protects a network of continuous corridors and creates a necklace of similar habitat types across our County landscape. These natural corridors will provide mobile species with access to habitat for seasonal movements and for emigration from lower-quality habitats.

Haliburton's Corridors

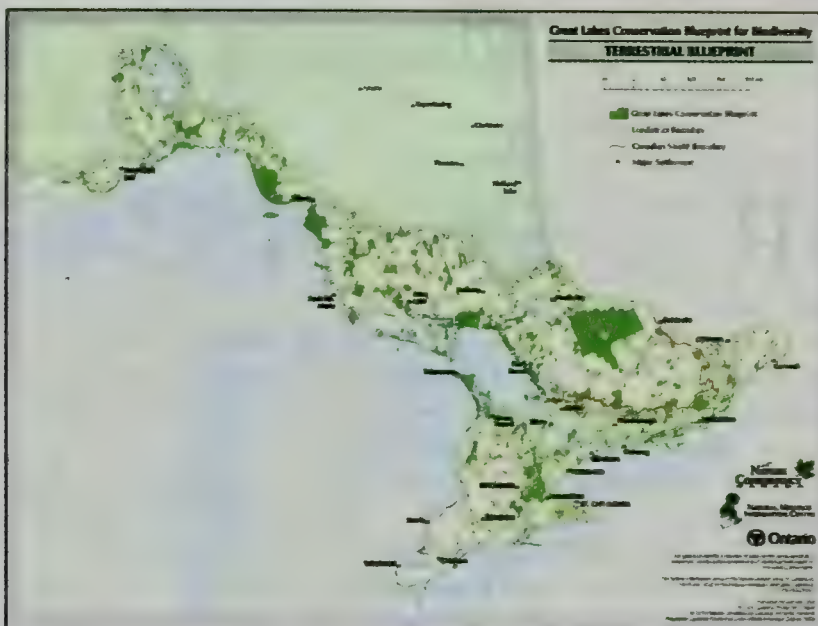
The County of Haliburton has 59 natural areas, including 3 large Provincially Significant Wetlands, 2 Conservation Reserves, and 24 Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI) which provide habitat for 14 "at risk" species and 40 provincially or regionally rare species (Natural Heritage Information Centre, 2006). While these areas help to protect core habitats, the corridors linking these areas are largely overlooked.

The Haliburton portion of the Canadian Shield is uniquely different from southern Ontario because it is dominated by large areas of intact forested habitat. Many of the natural habitats on the Shield are found on Crown Land and are therefore protected from specific land uses which helps to contribute to biodiversity conservation. Fire suppression, mining development, forestry and timber extraction, and road construction, however, continue to contribute to habitat fragmentation across the Haliburton and Shield landscape (Great Lakes Conservation Blueprint, 2005). The scale and magnitude of this fragmentation and ecosystem thresholds, such as maximum distances between core areas tolerable before ecological processes and patterns become disrupted, is unknown because of lack of data (Environmental Law Institute, 2003). Understanding the impacts of fragmentation and identifying critical habitats and corridors will enable good land use decisions.

Planning a Future Healthy Natural System

Our past planning efforts have focused on core wildlife habitat areas (e.g. deer wintering yards) where human activities should be limited and conservation practices are a priority. However, we are quickly learning that the connecting areas between these core areas are equally important and need to be identified, mapped and protected from intrusive human activity.

Various initiatives across the province (Big Picture 2002; Great Lakes Conservation Blueprint; Lands for Life – Ministry of Natural Resources gap analysis; and The Land Between) have helped us to identify and protect a network



of core habitats and connecting corridors, as well as assist planners and managers in the decision-making process.

The Great Lakes Conservation Blueprint portfolio (2005), for example, has inventoried, mapped and analyzed the terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity of Ontario's Great Lakes basin. It identified all existing and potential conservation lands, as well as the links between fragmented habitats across the basin. It identified a series of high quality terrestrial and freshwater areas that, "if appropriately conserved", would potentially support a broad range of natural biodiversity. Statistical analysis approximated that 70% of the (top-scoring) ecological systems on the Canadian Shield occur outside of protected areas.

Given the gaps in information regarding minimum habitat requirements of species and ecosystems, ecological interactions, and the location and significance of corridors in the County of Haliburton, and the lack of tools necessary to integrate habitat and species conservation into land use planning, we should adopt a "conservative approach" to ensure a healthy future environment.

The key ingredient to making the right land use decision is to arm ourselves with ecological information about adequate size and placement of habitat corridors which facilitate species movement and colonization among disjunct habitat patches, and scientific information and support about the importance of maintaining corridors throughout Haliburton.

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Landscaping for "Wild" Life

by Angie Horner

Reasons to landscape for wildlife are as diverse as we are. Your goal might be to increase wildlife sighting opportunities, to provide habitat for a rare species, or even to create a continual outdoor learning environment.

The species that you want to encourage may be an insect, bird, mammal, reptile or amphibian, but the key to successfully landscaping for wildlife remains the same: knowing your wildlife, their needs and their niche in the larger ecosystem will greatly increase your chances of success.

Creating the Plan - Key things to consider

- **Does your target species live in this area?** Check a field guide to be sure! What does it need in terms of temperature, moisture, soil, sun, shade, etc?
- **What type of habitat does this species live in?** Do you have the ability to maintain, create or enhance this habitat?
- **Is a suitable water supply available?** If not, would an artificial pond, water feature, bird bath, marsh or bog garden fill this need?
- **What does this species eat during the different stages of its life?** Can you increase the availability of this food type (be it plant or prey)?
 - Are the following habitat features present?
 - Shelter – from cold, heat, wind or predators
 - Reproductive sites - meeting/mating/courting sites, suitable nesting, egg laying or den sites
 - Micro-habitat - features that create small variations in the local environment creating desirable habitat conditions

Examples of valuable micro-habitat

Ephemeral ponds are wet in spring but dry up by mid-summer, often leaving a vegetation-free patch in your woodlot. These vegetation-free patches may not be considered attractive, but they are essential habitat for frogs and salamanders that gather there to mate in spring.



Indian Pipe Photo Angie Horner

Down woody debris provides 'drumming' perches for courting grouse, feeding perches for squirrels, a rooting medium for mushrooms (food for wildlife) and moist shelters for frogs, toads and salamanders.

Tree cavities (holes) indicate that a tree was rotting or inhabited by insects. They provide food, overwintering sites, nesting sites and escape routes (from predators) for a variety of wildlife.

Basking sites (rocks or other material that absorb and retain heat from the sun) are important features for reptiles (including turtles, snakes and Ontario's only lizard: the 5-lined skink) to help them regulate their body temperatures.

Mud puddles (often on dirt roads) are used by butterflies to ingest minerals that they need in their diet.

Perching sites (such as tall trees, shrubs, fence-posts or overhead wires over open areas) provide sites for hunting birds to scan for prey.

Brush piles and rock piles create sub-nivean (under the snow) shelters for wildlife in winter.

Simple but sage words of advice

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it!"

Take some time to observe existing wildlife *before* making changes. You might be surprised at what is already there, and you may decide to enhance what you have rather than change it altogether. Identify what features this wildlife is using so that you don't inadvertently remove these features.

Think Ecosystems!

"If you build it, they will come" applies to a certain extent. To encourage wildlife, provide the **ecosystem type** (wetland, forest, open meadow, other) that your targeted wildlife thrives in. This ecosystem approach will provide you with a suite of wildlife and natural features to enjoy.

Try using Native Plants

Landscaping with native plants is probably one of the simplest, yet most beneficial choices you can make when landscaping for wildlife.



Blandings Turtle Photo Angie Horner

There are many very attractive native flowering trees, shrubs and ground plants that provide berries, seeds, nuts and nectar for wildlife. And, because wildlife and wildplants have evolved together over centuries, native

plants often meet the nutritional requirements of wildlife better than exotic plants. Quite a few have provided delicious forage and medicine for humans too!

Be consumer-aware when shopping for native plants. A plant labelled 'native' may be indicating that it is native to an area as broad as Canada; and may not actually be native to Haliburton County. Try to buy plants that are locally grown from locally collected seed; This will give you a hardy plant adapted to local conditions and will also preserve the genetic stock unique to this area. Please don't dig up wildplants to transplant to



Common Greenbriar Photo Angie Horner

your garden. This may satiate your craving for a natural garden, but in the long run it depletes wild stock and in the immediate area it leaves 'holes' in the groundcover which can be quickly filled by opportunistic exotics.

'Caution'

- Avoid using invasive non-native plants which can out-compete and displace native plants that benefit wildlife.
- Birdfeeders, if not regularly cleaned, can spread disease. Deer feeding stations are recommended by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) for *emergency situations only*. Instead, consider providing food for wildlife in the form of native trees and shrubs, grasses and flowers that provide fruit, nuts, berries, seeds and other natural forage.
- Herbicides and pesticides affect more than the targeted-kill species. Amphibians are particularly sensitive because they absorb these and other chemicals through their skin.
- 'Tidying' your shoreline or woodlot of wood debris,

rocks, brush piles, etc may do more harm than good. Investigate what might be using these features before you remove them.

- Check if any permits are needed (especially when working around water or in woodlots). The Minden MNR office and the County of Haliburton Forestry Department are good places to start.

Go ahead, think big! ...but start small

Set yourself up for success. Start with a manageable workload so that your project will be a positive experience you can build upon. If you want to achieve more in a shorter time frame, consider acquiring the services of an Ecologist or Landscaper specializing in natural ecosystems.

Lastly, enjoy your accomplishments. Sit back, observe and know that you did your part to conserve 'Wild-Life' in Haliburton County.



White Admiral Photo Angie Horner

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Recommended Resources:

- Canadian Wildlife Federation, "Wild About Gardening": <http://www.wildaboutgardening.org/>
- Peterborough Green-up, Ecology Park: <http://ecologypark.greenup.on.ca/>
- North American Native Plant Society (NANPS): <http://www.nanps.org>
- *Forest Plants of Central Ontario* by Chambers, Legacy and Bentley. Lone Pine Publishing & Queen's Printer for Ontario, 1996.
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A Hot Issue for Cool Water Gardens

Invasive Aquatic Species in Your Oasis by Heather Smith

According to the demographic gurus, gardening is often cited as a rapidly growing recreational activity for our aging population and indeed this appears to be true. One segment of this market that is experiencing significant growth is the water garden sector of this hobby. In the United States alone the water garden industry has seen a four-fold increase in this area over a five-year period and experienced retail sales over \$1.5 billion in 2003. It is now common to see aquatic plants, pond liners, pumps and other products specially geared for a water garden for sale at a variety of retailers including pet and department stores, home and garden centres as well as specialty water garden centres. The consumer has a variety of resources available in the form of water garden books and magazines, websites, advice from retailers, landscape designers and contractors and television and radio shows to guide and assist them in achieving that special element of water in the garden.

Creating your own Water Haven

Adding the element of water to your garden can be a challenging, fun and extremely rewarding venture that can be as simple as a contained pot with a small pump or as elaborate as a waterfall with a creek flowing into a pond. Water gardens can be indoors or out, formal or informal and incorporate plants and other living creatures. The benefit of using plants and animals in your water garden is that it can create a natural ecosystem that can maintain water clarity and nutrient cycling. One potential drawback of a water garden is that you can end up with a stagnant, smelling, algae-infested mess if nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus are high (often from run-off from lawn and garden fertilizers) and oxygen levels are low.

Tempest in a Flowerpot

Naturalizing your water garden with aquatic plants

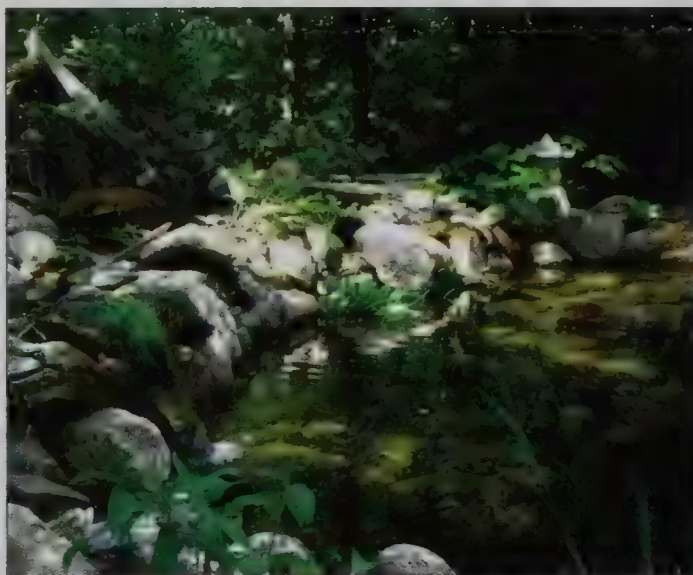
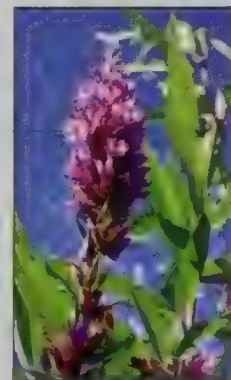


Photo Heather Smith

will not only make it aesthetically pleasing but will have the added benefits of improving water clarity, reducing erosion, cycling nutrients, providing habitat for a variety of insects and providing shelter for fish or other wildlife. Unfortunately, many of the aquatic plants and animals that are promoted and are for sale in many garden

centres and nurseries are not native to our area and have the potential to become serious invasive aquatic weeds, invertebrates and invasive fish. Some examples that can survive in our climate and are already a problem in many areas include Eurasian watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*), European frog-bit (*Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*), flowering rush (*Butomus umbellatus*), purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), yellow iris (*Iris pseudacorus*), invertebrates such as Oriental mystery snail (*Cipangopaludina chinensis*) and, believe it or not, goldfish (*Carassius auratus*). It is now illegal in Ontario to sell or buy some species live as in the case with grass carp



Purple Loosestrife
Photo Heather Smith

(*Ctenopharyngodon idella*). Many of the plants and animals sold in the water garden trade are mislabeled or improperly identified, have no warnings about potential invasiveness or do not provide instructions on proper disposal. Furthermore, some plants that are promoted as "sterile" such as many hybrids of purple loosestrife, have the potential to produce fertile seeds if pollinated with pollen from wild plants.

Gardeners Beware of Weedy Waters

As gardeners, I'm sure most of you are familiar with

what a weed is—a plant out of place. Invasive species are out of place when they are accidentally or intentionally released or escape into natural waterways. While many of the exotic ornamental plants that you buy to enhance your garden are not considered invasive, there are some that have characteristics that give them the potential to become invasive with negative environmental and economical impacts. Invasive species tolerate a wide variety of environmental conditions making them highly adaptable to extreme temperature fluctuations, light levels, water conditions, etc. Invasive aquatic species generally reproduce early and/or often and have several reproductive strategies, have few or no natural predators in their new environment, and are almost impossible to manage. In aquatic environments, invasive plants can cause serious damage to our natural waterways by forming dense mats or stands that can degrade water quality, out-compete and crowd out native plant species disrupting the food web. Invasive plants may increase mosquito breeding habitat and clog waterways for irrigation and recreational activities such as boating and swimming. Invasive fish used in water gardens can degrade or destroy aquatic habitat affecting native fish spawning and nursery habitats. Invasive species also cost millions of dollars every year in management and restoration efforts from government, industry and citizens.

You Can Help

If you intend on taking the plunge and want to create your own backyard oasis or already have one, researching the plants and animals you want to use is essential to avoid using potential invasive species. It is crucial to learn to identify what invasive species look like, how to dispose of them properly and look for any “hitch-hikers” that may be on items you purchased. Native alternatives are often just as beautiful, low maintenance and you can pass them on to other gardeners with a good conscience. Water garden owners, landscape designers, architects, contractors and the horticulture industry can help prevent the spread of invasive species associated with the water garden industry.

Ten Easy Tips for Water Gardeners

Before building your water garden:

- Consider using only native plants.
- Become familiar with invasive species and any laws that may restrict their use.
- Become familiar with the identification and scientific name (*i.e.* genus and species) of what you plan to purchase since common names can be interchanged for invasive and non-invasive species.

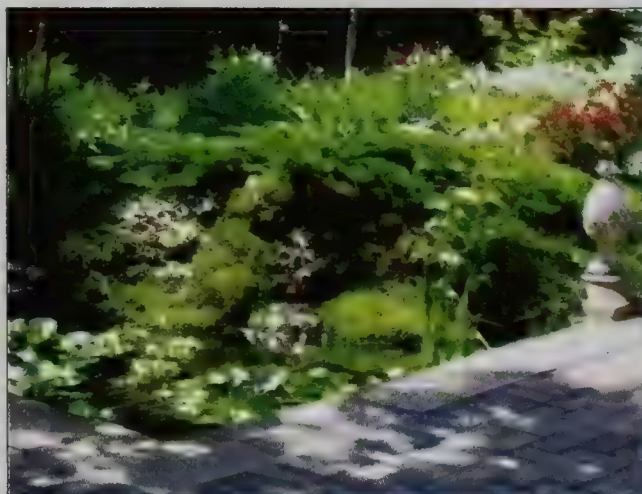


Photo Peterborough Youth Services, Carrie Wakeford

- Select a site for your water garden as far away as possible from natural waterways and any area subject to flooding.

When buying aquatic plants, fish or invertebrates (snails, crayfish, etc.):

- Never collect plants or fish from the wild (this is illegal in many jurisdictions).
- Choose a reputable nursery retailer to make your purchases (they are often a wealth of free information for creating your water garden).
- Ensure your plants are free of hitchhikers (*i.e.* undesired plants, invertebrates or fish in the water or soil). Rinse plants in a light-coloured bucket with tap water until clean and free of soil.

When disposing of unwanted aquatic species:

- **Never** release aquatic plants, invertebrates or fish into natural waterways—it is illegal in most jurisdictions.
- Immediately dispose of invasive species in your water garden if they are located where they could spread into nearby waterways.
- Dispose of unwanted plants by drying them completely and discard in the household garbage. Avoid composting because some seeds can remain viable.

If you would like more information about aquatic invasive species, their impacts, preventing their spread or methods and permits for their control contact:

Invading Species Hotline 1-800-563-7711

or visit our website at www.invadingspecies.com

We also offer the free publication *Aquatic Invasive Species: A Guide for Water Gardeners and Aquarium Owners* to assist in identifying invasive species of concern.

Predators of a Different Sort

by Irene Heaven, Out to Learn

A predator is a living thing which feeds itself by killing other organisms for food. The prey (ie. the organisms being eaten) is typically an animal of some sort, sporting flesh as opposed to plant cells. Predators and carnivory, a word coming from the Latin language and meaning to eat meat (*carnis* = flesh and *vorare* = devour), are usually associated with those stealthy creatures of our forest with large sharp teeth and claws. To think of Haliburton's predators we think of the likes of wolves, bears and fishers ... all extraordinary meat eaters which add a wonderful flavour to our County. But there are more predators out there than Haliburtonians may realize. Throughout our forested landscape there are numerous bogs and fens, and amongst the mosses of these wetlands ... is our own "Little Shop of Horrors"! No, we don't have gigantic Venus Flytraps but we have our share of carnivorous plants. These stationary "predators" do not rely on strength like wolves but on their beauty and smell. Unsuspecting organisms are lured into a variety of traps ranging from pitfall to sticky to even suction type traps. The world of carnivorous plants is fascinating and we have some of the most beautiful killers right here in our neighbourhood.

Plants require nitrogen and other nutrients to grow, and in our forests, the forest plants take up these nutrients from the soil through their roots. Carnivorous plants, however, are found in places which have very little of the essential nutrients needed to grow, and they have adapted a different way of acquiring those necessities. They eat animals! No, you are not going to see huge plants taking down moose and deer, but if you look closely enough you may see plants filling their appetite with insects, slugs



Pitcher Plant Photo Paul Heaven

and other smaller animals. Once the meal is caught, digestive enzymes secreted from special glands break down the prey and the nutrients are absorbed into the plant's system. Haliburton has twelve species of carnivorous plants covering three families: the sundews (*Drosera*), the pitcher plants (*Sarracenia*) and the bladderworts (*Utricularia*). Let's take a glimpse into the fascinating world of some of Haliburton's silent killers!

Sundews have small- spoon like leaves and they are covered with hundreds of tiny "tentacles" (stalked glands) which respond to touch but also secrete a mucous substance. This substance gives a glistening appearance much like dew on grass, hence the plant's name. The sundew is common in bogs and fens but can also occur on sandy banks and on mineral soils which are poor in nitrogen and phosphorus. Haliburton is home to two species of sundew, the round-leaved and spatulate-leaved. The sundew is the master of sticky fly paper, and it relies on first trapping its prey (such as small flies, midges, ants and beetles) with its sticky dew covered leaves. Its leaves then slowly roll up at the edges to further entrap its victim. The stalked glands produce digestive enzymes that break down the trapped prey and the plant absorbs the nutrients released through this decomposition process. Yum, Yum!

Pitcher plants are also commonly found in the bogs and fens of Haliburton. These beautifully bizarre looking plants have developed the perfect pitfall trap to attract and capture unsuspecting insects. The leaves of the pitcher plant are tubular and stand upright forming a perfect water jug, allowing rain water to form a pool at the bottom of the pitcher plant. The leaves of the pitcher plant turn a

mottled purple colour as summer progresses and this very much resembles meat, which the local flies find hard to resist! Another enticer is the odour of decaying amino acids wafting out of the pitchers pool from past victims ... absolutely irresistible to a fly or any other meat/rot loving insect. The odoriferous and visually attractive plant lures the insect to the top edge of its hollow leaf where it is welcomed by a slippery waxy landing pad leading straight down to the watery grave below. Now, some insects that fly may be able to fly out, although very few can actually fly directly upward like a helicopter so they tend to just fly into the pitcher's steep sides. But even if one could do such an impressive manoeuvre, the pitcher plant has it covered ... it simply supplies its guest with a wetting agent that makes the wings soggy and useless. Of course we have all seen flies and other insects climb walls, so why can't the insect just climb up the wall of the tube to freedom? It's all in the hair! The walls of the pitcher plant are not only covered with a waxy substance but are also covered with downward pointing hairs which prevent escape, leaving the exhausted insect to drown in the bottom pool. The solution in the bottom of the pitcher is low in pH (therefore is very acidic much like a stomach) and it slowly digests the insects tissues. As well, there are bacteria living in the pitcher, and they also provide digestive enzymes which aid in this process.

If anyone has ever walked in a sphagnum hummocked bog, you will probably have noticed a lot of ants. Ants like to live in these mounds of moss and the pitcher plant likes to live in the nutrient poor bog. Because these two species are living in close association in a unique habitat, there may be an added evolutionary twist to this story. The trapping of ants may play a very important role to the pitcher plant's digestive process. The pitcher plant provides a trail of a sweet nectar substance along the outer edge of the leaf which ants will follow and are led right into the pitcher. At this point the story is the same, the ant dies, decomposes and the nutrients are taken up by the pitcher plant. What is different is that ants have formic acid which can result in some nasty ant bites, as many of us know. The formic acid is left behind after the ant has been gobbled up, or more appropriately absorbed up. The formic acid may very well contribute further to the plant's digestive process, making the pH level in the pitcher's pool as low as 2.0. So, even though the ants may not know it, they help the pitcher plant break down its food.

Last but not least, the bladderworts, of which Haliburton has nine different species. Bladderworts are free-floating plants with no roots that live in open water, usually shallow,

with low nutrient content. As their name suggests, these plants have tiny bladders about 5mm in diameter that are deadly suction traps to any small aquatic passer-by. At the opening of the bladder are tiny hair-like projections that are sensitive to motion. When they are stimulated by organisms, such as water fleas (*Daphnia*), the hairs cause the flattened bladder to quickly inflate, sucking in water along with the unwary prey. Once inside the bladder, digestive enzymes are released and the food is broken down and the nutrients absorbed. Once dinner is over, any indigestible remains are expelled and glands within the bladder absorb water out of the interior to create a vacuum once again. The trap is reset and the next unsuspecting victim is ready to be sucked up.

Plants are an essential and fascinating cog in nature's wheel and most of us realize their importance and respect this. When you start looking into the weird and wonderful lives of some of these plants, it really is amazing. The questions and the beauty are abundant and it is this that keeps us exploring and enjoying the wilds of this spectacular area. Go and enjoy, be fascinated and embrace your County's natural beauty!

Table 1: Carnivorous Plants of Haliburton

Family	Scientific Name
<i>Bladderwort</i>	
Common	<i>Utricularia vulgaris</i>
Flat-leaf	<i>Utricularia intermedia</i>
Hidden-fruited	<i>Utricularia geminiscapa</i>
Horned	<i>Utricularia cornuta</i>
Humped	<i>Utricularia gibba</i>
Northern	<i>Utricularia minor</i>
Purple	<i>Utricularia purpurea</i>
Twin	<i>Utricularia geminiscapa</i>
Upside-down	<i>Utricularia resupinata</i>
<i>Sundew</i>	
Round-leaved	<i>Drosera rotundifolia</i>
Spatulate-leaved	<i>Drosera intermedia</i>
<i>Pitcher-plant</i>	
Pitcher-plant	<i>Sarracenia purpurea</i>

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Lochlin Esker

by Don Wright

During the most recent ice-age (estimated by earth scientists at between 10 and 12 thousand years ago) remarkable gouging and scouring of the land accounts for the rounded hills (peneplain feature) and elongated lake features. The second phase, the deglaciation, or melt and retreat of the glacier created a secondary set of interesting features such as moraine, drumlin, esker, and the remarkable bore holes in our area known as the "Harburn Wells".

Although the Lochlin Esker is not particularly large by comparison with other eskers in the province, its significance derives from its relative rarity in this area combined with its placement in one of the larger wetland areas in Haliburton County.

Moving on an axis roughly parallel to the original glaciation (North-East to South-West), the Lochlin Esker meanders in some places from this course and thins its volume of sand and gravel. The serpentine meander is best explained by the realization of the fact that the "esker" is the accumulated debris (sand and gravel) of a once glacial river.....either within or on top of the glacier. So, as it is the character of a river to experience bends or twists..... similarly, the esker feature formed during deglaciation presents itself in a "river" shape.

The late Marshall McLuhan delighted in aphorisms: "We libel by label" was one of his. He meant of course that once something is named (labelled) we generally cease to perceive further. We fail therefore to grasp other and possibly more important consequences of our "labelling" process; secondly, our labels most often lack originality. (Automobiles were first considered "horseless carriages"; local pioneers used the term "hogsback" as descriptive of the Lochlin Esker...to this day that descriptor prevails for many.)

Sometimes, too, a misappropriated "label" can be clearly damaging. Recently, in a telephone call a



Photo Paul Heaven

respected neighbour said: "I hear you have a ridge of sand and gravel running through your property." Without ever viewing the esker feature for its beauty or relation in context of the total environment, he had labelled a "sand and gravel" or extractive industrial value. He was entirely innocent of the reality: the Lochlin Esker

strides boldly through the middle of one of the largest (within the top 8 percent) wetlands in the County!

The direct result of this placement is the regulation, direction and movement of the waters being filtered and withheld for slow release in the five hundred acre wetland basin.

The Lochlin Esker is remarkably easy to become enthused about! It provides an easily maintained and travelled trail with spectacular views of the adjacent marsh, fen, bog, open areas. The esker is an intriguing mystery to those who care to consider, for example: (1) why is one face longer and steeper than the other? (2) How does it happen that after so many years, it retains its shape? (3) What events caused directional and volume changes?

With the passage of time, this writer has come to consider the marriage of the Lochlin Esker to its surrounding wetlands as even more special. In a neat figure/ground reversal, it requires little imagination to realize that the undamaged wetlands, complete with rare orchid, beaver, black bear, sphagnum moss, pitcher plant, spruce bog, etc. are really very unique and clearly inter-related! In reality, neither esker nor wetland is complete without the undamaged counterpart.

To conclude, it seems to me the Designer well understood the need for integrity and connectedness amongst the several features of the Lochlin Esker. Remarkable for being a relatively "wild" area which is close to habitation, it seems to this writer that there are some things we really ought to leave alone. *You are invited to visit and judge for yourself.*

And the River Keeps Flowing

by Sonya Sedgwick Proctor

On a fresh spring day, April 15, 1911, my mother was born in a rambling farmhouse overlooking the Gull River near the quaint town of Minden in Ontario. As a little girl she learned to swim in the river. I can picture her taking a break from her homework, gazing from her upstairs bedroom window as the quiet waters flowed. Gull River was her friend, it was part of her being, the river was always there. In her teens, she left her childhood surroundings on the farm, attending Teachers' College in North Bay.

And the River Keeps Flowing . . .

She married my father who also was born in this area. As schoolteachers they moved to Northern Ontario where they taught for many years. My sister and I were born in a small northern town. In the summers our family would drive from the north to the Haliburton Highlands to visit our grandparents. Eventually my parents retired and moved back to the farm property they had purchased from my grandparents in the 1950's. They loved their little home on the river. Mum called it "her little corner of the world". Their children and grandchildren visited, swimming and playing in the refreshing water at the river's edge. She would often stand at her kitchen window watching the family of ducks and geese as they floated by. Even in their later years my parents enjoyed swimming in the summers. Mum would swim into the middle of the river against the strong current, her opponent. She challenged the powerful current with breaststrokes, counting each one until she accomplished her goal. She was content and at peace by her friendly river. Mum died at age eighty-five in her home in May 1996.

And the River Keeps Flowing . . .

From generation unto generation, it is now my turn. Retired, we have built a home on the exact location where the ancient farmhouse stood. Our children and grandchildren visit and swim in the Gull River. My



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parents bought the property for family to meet and enjoy this peaceful place. We love the blue herons, the colourful birds, the ducks, the beavers and even the noisy Canada Geese that float regally in the water but are very messy on land. Early mornings in the summer I look out the window at a treasured scene. One of my nephews, now a father, is sitting on the Fishing Tree with children lined on each side of him with fishing rods outstretched. Not a word is spoken. Concentration is the key. Our fishing tree is an old maple that has fallen into the river, now dead but still very useful. The silence is broken with a young voice excitedly yelling, "I've got a bite, I've got a bite." My nephew will calmly teach the child how to remove the hook. Most of the time the fish goes back into the water. Before this is done a photo must be taken of the famous catch! This is a happy place. This is our sanctuary.

And the River Keeps Flowing . . .

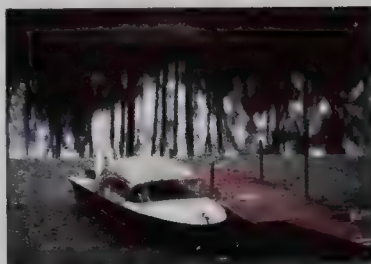


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Lately, I have an uneasy, deep concern for our cherished Gull River. This October 2005 our abandoned boat straddles the clay bottom since the water level is abnormally low. It looks lost and out of place. We never know when the water level will be high enough to take it out for winter storage. What about the fish and wildlife? What about the toads and frogs that my grandchildren try to catch? Will I ever see my shy blue herons again? As I grow older I fear for our next generation. Will they swim and float down the river on their bright coloured tubes on a hot lazy summer afternoon? Will the people in kayaks and canoes share the same love for this meandering scenic waterway in the years to come? Will there be water?

Will Our River Keep Flowing??

Rock On In Haliburton County!!

by John Etches

Pardon the mineral puns, but Haliburton County is a multifaceted gem. The positive attributes of the County are almost too numerous to list. One aspect that I have come to know and love is the exceptional scenic beauty of the area. As a geologist and environmental educator, it has also become clear to me how closely the area's scenery is tied to both ancient, and more recent geological events.

When you think about it, the aesthetic appeal of any landscape can be attributed to the rise and fall of the land. The scenic beauty of landmarks such as Niagara Falls and the Rocky Mountains is largely due to the visual contrasts offered by the terrain. Other scenic elements such as thundering waterfalls and majestic forests complete the awesome beauty that we have come to enjoy. However, few of us reflect on the fact that these scenic elements are superimposed onto landscapes dictated by the geology underneath. The underlying bedrock provides the foundation upon which every scene on the planet is built. Even the flatness of the Prairies is defined by the geological history of the region.

In comparison with these large scale landscape features, the scenic strength of the Haliburton County is of a more intimate nature. Outcrop features found here often create isolated rooms of atmosphere that provide detail, contrast and variety to the scenery. Soaring uplands, shoreline cliffs and roadside rockcuts are also reminders that the Earth's crust is either exposed right at the surface or no more than a few metres beneath our feet in this part of the world. Every outcrop tells a story of crushing pressures, hellish temperatures and torturous events. Beautiful textures, patterns and minerals are frozen in the rocks for all to see.

One of my favourite wild places in the County is just off the shore of Sherborne Lake within the Frost Centre area. On a warm July day in 1984, I decided to explore up a small creek flowing into the lake. After only a short

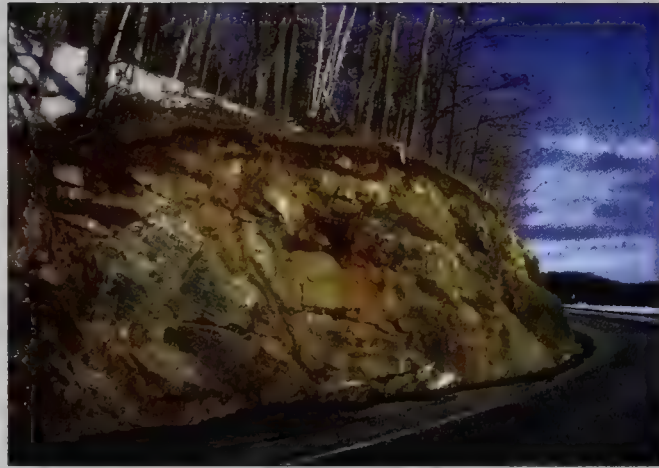


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distance, I stumbled upon what appeared to be the consequences of giants playing some powerful, violent game. Looming through the hemlocks was a great gash in the landscape. In a huge rock-sided chasm I found a jumble of gigantic boulders ranging in size from cars to small houses. In

the cave-like spaces between the boulders, I was surprised to find ice deep in the shadows. The staggering forces that conspired to create the Haliburton Highlands lay before me.

All landscape features are the result of geological processes. Of extreme importance to understanding the Haliburton landscape is the faulting that crisscrosses the bedrock. A fault is where the Earth's crust has fractured and then has shifted. This creates zones of broken, splintered rock. Millions of years later, continental glaciers moved across the land and cut deeply into these fault zones removing portions of the shattered bedrock. The result is a rugged terrain that possesses moderate but abrupt changes in topography. Along with the forests, it is this jagged character of the bedrock that gives Haliburton County its primordial feeling of wilderness.

Even the County's lakes can be attributed to local geology. Most of the lakes are places where two or more faults have intersected. The impenetrable nature of the bedrock of the Canadian Shield contributes by keeping water on the surface creating over 600 lakes and countless wetlands. In addition, soil depths are so shallow in the Haliburton Highlands that surface water has nowhere to hide. In contrast, the porous, fractured sandstone of the southwest United States allows surface water to soak into the ground contributing to a dry landscape.

Rock structures such as folds, faults and dykes are other visible pieces of the geological puzzle of the County available for all to see and enjoy. In particular, fold structures provide graphic evidence that the rocks were once buried to a depth



Photo Nicole Tuyten

of up to 15 kilometres. Look for fold structures in rockcuts throughout the Haliburton Highlands including south of Gooderham along County Road #507, or along Highway #35 between Carnarvon and Partridge Lake. Just outside of the County north of Dorset is a spectacular display of folding in the rockcuts about a kilometre north of Seabreeze Road.

The area's geological history has also resulted in a treasure trove of collectable minerals right across Haliburton County. The famous Bancroft mineral collecting area actually encompasses a good portion of the south eastern part of Haliburton County. Between Tory Hill and Gooderham is the famous Bear Lake Diggings collecting site. Gem quality apatite has been found there along with hornblende, sphene, orthoclase, augite, biotite and calcite. Permits are required for collecting at this site and are available from the Bancroft and District Chamber of Commerce in Bancroft. Call the Chamber for other permit vendors, updated rates and other collecting information; 1-866-848-9799.

To the west of Haliburton village along Highway #121, I witnessed a local mineral collector coax a magnificent, museum quality sphene crystal the size of a football from the crumbling calcite. In County rockcuts, I have found blue apatite, green scapolite, orange calcite, deep purple fluorite, pistachio green epidote, blood red garnet, and silvery molybdenite. Please exercise extreme caution if you choose to visit local rockcuts. Always keep in mind that you are on either municipal or provincial lands. It is advisable to find parking off of the road shoulders which are really only for road-side emergencies.

If you want to get down and dirty, get out to one of the hundreds if not thousands of identified mineral occurrences that are sprinkled across the County. Remember that land owner's permission is required to enter private property and to collect. Contact the Regional Geologist's office in Tweed for detailed information on known mineral occurrences, 613-478-3161, or visit the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines website at www.ermes.mndm.gov.on.ca

to search the ERMES database for mineral occurrences.

The most special mineral occurrence that I know of in Haliburton County is Greenmantle Farm near Wilberforce, owned by Sandra and Mark Bramham. On their property is one of perhaps only three places in the world where the mineral fluorrichterite is found. The minerals apatite, hornblende, tremolite, actinolite, orthoclase and quartz also occur on their property. The Bramhams are offering excellent interpretive tours of their property but do not allow any collecting.

To learn more, visit the Bramham's website at

www.mineraltours.net

To set up a tour, call 705-448-3948

or e-mail info@mineraltours.net

Great places to witness the bedrock-controlled scenery of Haliburton County are the trails developed by the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network and affiliated volunteers. For directions and maps of all the trails in Haliburton County, call the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network, 705-489-4049, or visit their website www.trailsandtours.com

From a minerals/geology tourism perspective, Haliburton County is a diamond in the rough. The landscape of the County provides opportunities for first class geology-based experiences to a varied audience. The Haliburton Highlands possesses yet another great reason to invite guests into our community.

Rock on!

John Etches

For mineral collecting information, please contact either the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce

1-877-811-6111, or the

Bancroft and District Chamber of Commerce

1-866-848-9799.

Bear Aware

by Diane Cimettas

It was a July afternoon when Bart Horst and Matt Bancroft with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, located in Minden, received a phone call from someone claiming, a bear was roaming around their cottage located on Kennesis Lake. A short while later Bart and Matt arrived at Kennesis Lake and spoke with the callers who informed them that the bear had now wandered over to the next cottage. The neighbour reported that a bear had come through the window, took a brick of butter that was left on the counter and disappeared back out the window heading next door.

They approached the next cottage and knocked on the door which was answered by a person who appeared anxious and hesitant in responding to them. As Bart and Matt attempted to introduce themselves and explain the reason for their visit the cottager anxiously pointed at a tree that hung over the cottage; high above them was the butter stealing culprit (mother bear), along with her two accomplice's (the bear cubs).

As Bart, Matt and the inhabitants of the cottage watched, mother bear climbed down the tree and made an attempt to move back towards the cottage from where the butter was taken. Bart, who was trying to prevent this, waved his arms, and began speaking loudly letting the bear know she was not welcome. Mama bear climbed back up the tree, only to make another attempt a few minutes later. Once again, Bart interjected and the bear returned back up the tree and remained there.

Eventually the cottagers realized the right thing to do was to leave the bears alone and when they looked again, about an hour later, mother bear and her two cubs were no longer in sight.

This story highlights a few facts about most Black Bears:

- Black Bears are opportunists and they will take advantage of any opportunity to obtain food



Black Bear Photo Lynn Landriault

- Black Bears are very smart will return to previous food sources
- Black Bears are as afraid of humans as humans are afraid of them

Being bear aware while living in or visiting bear country is important as it can help prevent an unwelcome visit as well as avoid a confrontation with these curious creatures. The following are examples of precautions one

can take to avoid attracting bears:

- Ensure proper disposal of garbage in bear proof containers
- Appear dominant if a bear is roaming around your yard by speaking loudly, stomping your feet or banging objects to make a lot of noise
- Do not put meat, fish or sweet food in the compost
- Properly clean and store outdoor grills and barbeques immediately after use
- Pick all ripe fruit off trees and remove vegetables and fallen fruit from the ground

While camping in the natural habitat of black bears, the following (provided by the Ministry of Natural Resources, Minden) describes ways in which to prevent bear visits to your campsite:

- Reduce or eliminate odours from yourself, your camp, your clothes and your vehicle
- Cook, clean fish and store your food well away from your tent site
- Burn food scraps and fat drippings immediately and thoroughly in a fire
- Never cook, eat or store food and other scented items in your tent - this includes toothpaste, deodorant, snacks and pet food
- Store food so that bears cannot reach it - in the trunk of your car or at least 4 metres (13 feet) above the ground
- Sleep in clothes other than those you have cooked in
- Properly store and pack all garbage in air tight containers or bags

- Handle and store pet food with as much care as you do your own

According to Parks Canada there are other precautions we can take to avoid an encounter with a bear while exploring the back country such as:

- Be alert and watch for signs of recent bear activity; tracks, droppings, diggings, torn-up logs, and scratched trees may be signs of a nearby bear
- Be aware of the vegetation; are you near berries, fish, or any other bear food source
- When camping or hiking with your pets, ensure they are on a leash and with you at all times
- Watch for bear cubs; do not approach or pass between a mother and her cubs
- Pay attention for area closures and bear warnings

If you do encounter a Black Bear it is important to keep calm, do not run. Give the bear space by backing up while watching the bear at the same time, and when given the chance, leave the area.

As mentioned earlier, bears are opportunists and unfortunately bears have been provided with the

opportunity to obtain food from sources such as our litter, feeding them directly (which is very dangerous), our homes, cottages, or garbage at landfill sites. Bears that have taken advantage of these opportunities are known to look for similar opportunities and these bears are labelled as habituated and food conditioned. These habituated bears often become problem bears due to their increased level of comfort around humans, and eventually they are killed.

While it can make an exciting and memorable trip to see these creatures in the wild, it is important to observe them from a distance, and without interference. As well, to help prevent the creation of habituated and food conditioned bears, it is our responsibility to ensure all precautions are taken while living in or visiting bear country.

To report bear problems call:

1-866-514-2327

For more information on bears visit:

www.bears.mnr.gov.on.ca

Know Where You Are, Know Who You Are

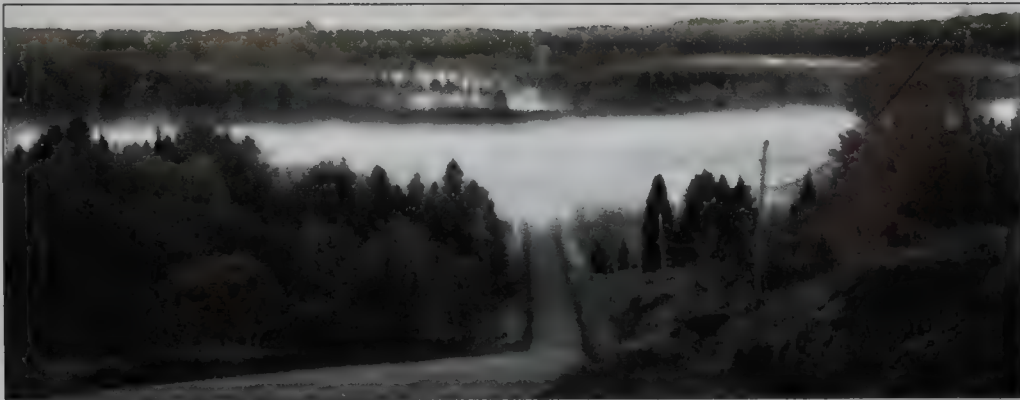


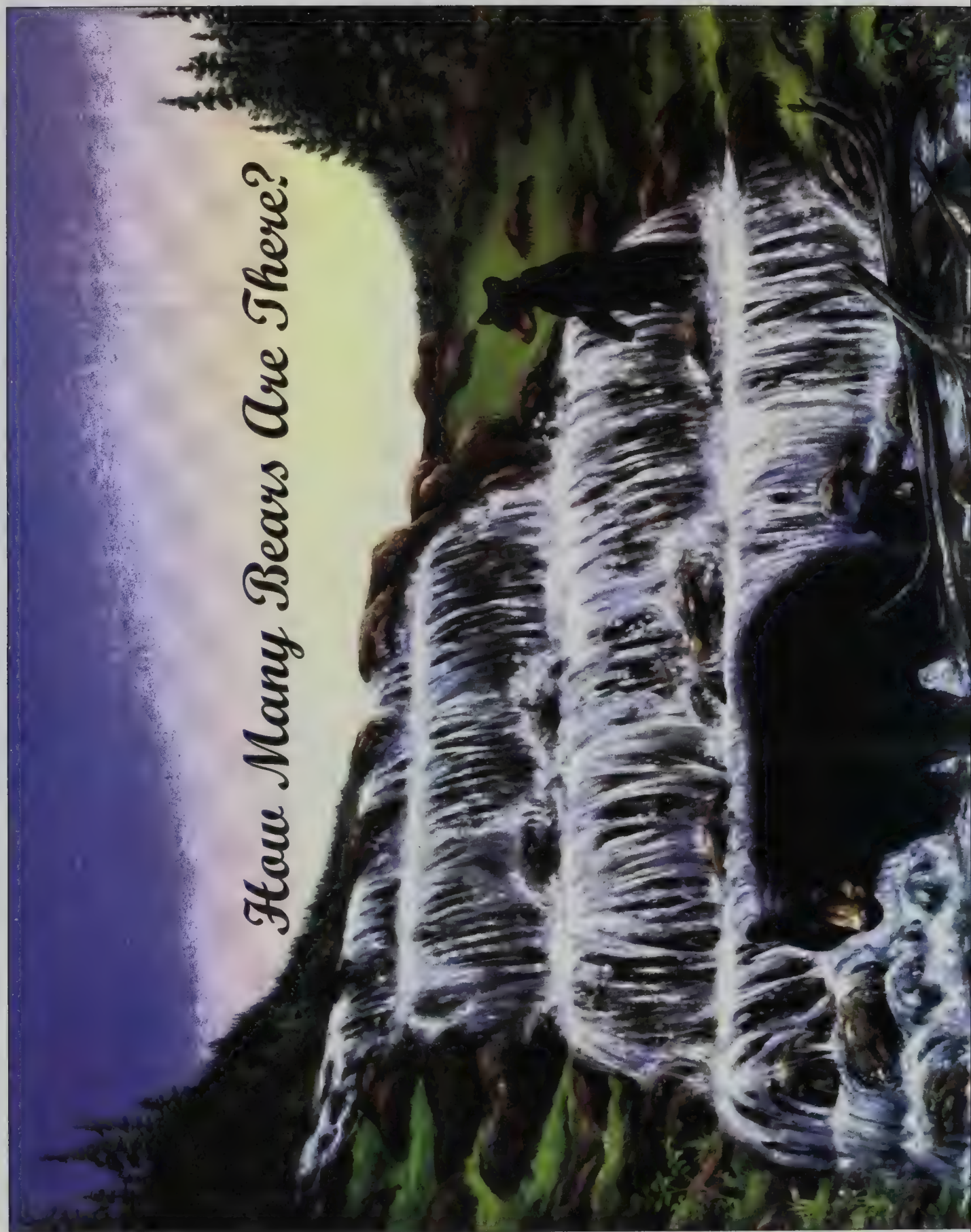
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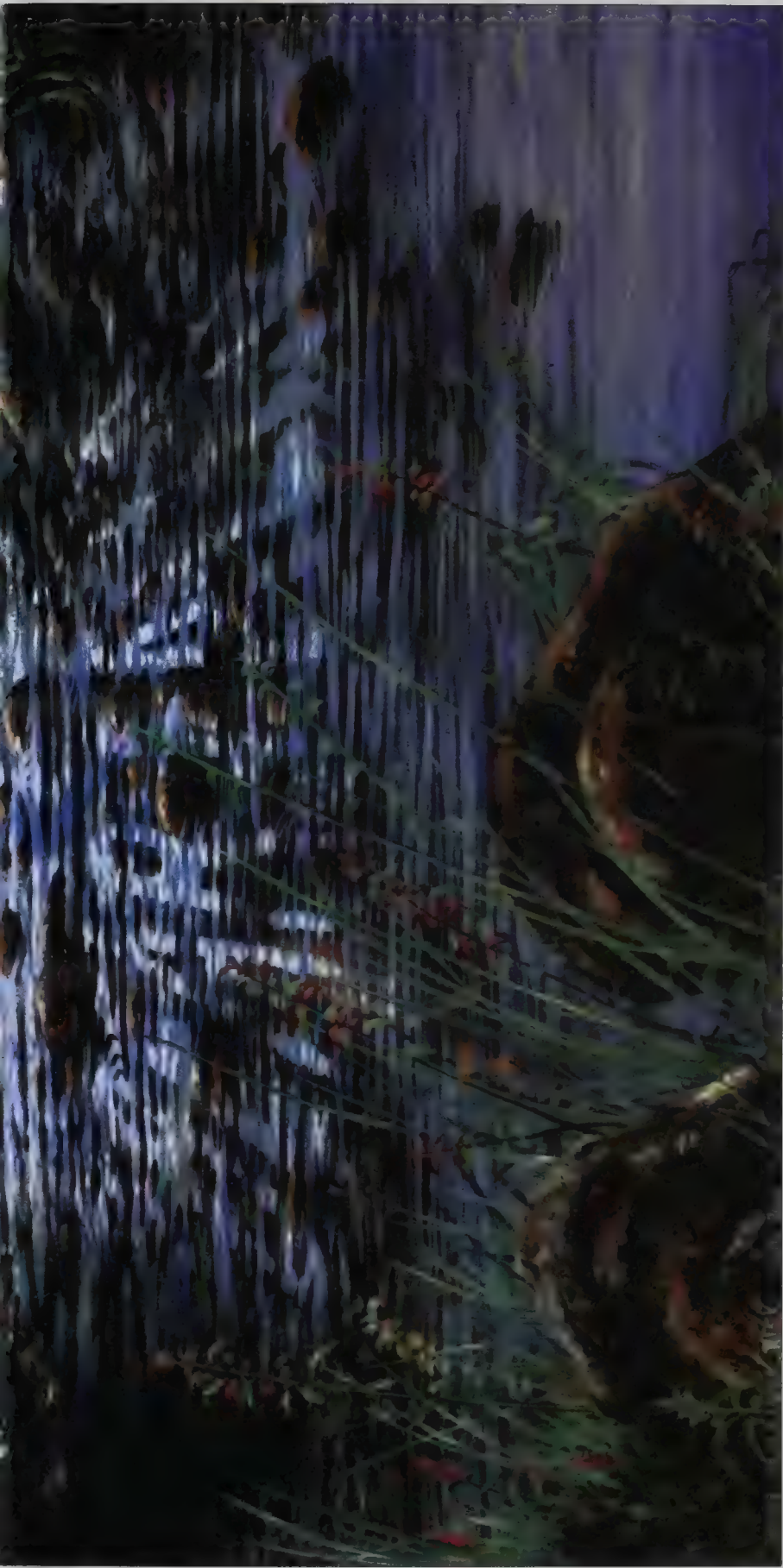
To gain a deeper sense of how connected you are to the space where you live take a moment to answer these questions.

- 1 Name 4 trees native to the area where you live.
- 2 Trace the water from precipitation to tap.
- 3 Where does your garbage go?
- 4 Name 2 wild edible plants native to the area where you live.
- 5 What species of wildflower is first to bloom in the spring nearest to your home?
- 6 On average, how much time do you spend outdoors per week?
- 7 Describe the soil where you live.

- 8 Name 4 birds that inhabit the area where you live year round.
- 9 When was the last time you saw the sunrise and the sunset in the same day?
- 10 Are there any endangered species living near you? Have any become extinct within your lifetime?
- 11 What phase is the moon in? Waxing or waning?
- 12 What direction does the rain usually come from where you live?
- 13 What is the largest wilderness area closest to where you live? How often (if ever) do you visit this space?

How Many Bears Are There?





Answer on p.32

“Bear Falls” by David Alexander Risk

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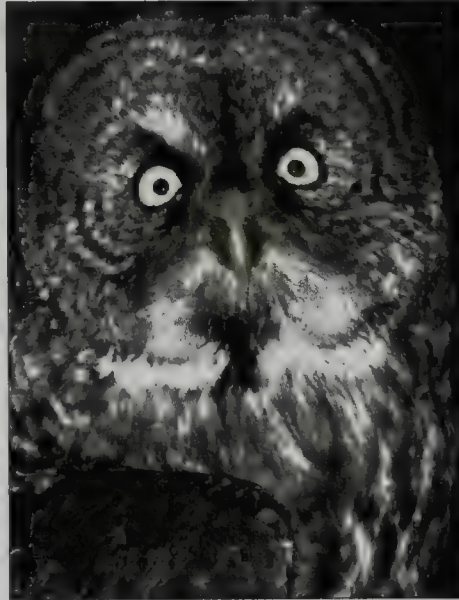
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Wild Species At Risk Right at Home in Haliburton County

by Paula Julio

You may be surprised to learn that Haliburton County is home to a diversity of species at risk: 14 species in all, ranging from plants and birds to mammals and even reptiles. If you are one of the few people who have caught a glimpse of one of these amazing species in their native habitat, consider yourself lucky. A number of these plants and animals are hidden away in the wilds of Haliburton or tend to be quite secretive in their ways, so you may not always have the chance to see them up close and personal.



Great Gray Owl

Photo Paula Julio, OMNR

Endangered (Regulated) - A species facing imminent extinction or extirpation in Ontario which has been regulated under Ontario's Endangered Species Act (ESA).

Endangered (Not Regulated) - A species facing imminent extinction or extirpation in Ontario which is a candidate for regulation under Ontario's ESA.

Threatened - A species that is at risk of becoming endangered in Ontario if limiting factors are not reversed.

Special Concern - A species with characteristics that make it sensitive to human activities or natural events.

Fourteen species are at risk in Haliburton County

Special Concern

- Eastern Ribbonsnake
- Five-lined Skink
- Milksnake
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Southern Flying Squirrel

Threatened

- Blanding's Turtle
- Eastern Hog-nosed Snake
- Stinkpot
- (also known as the Common Musk Turtle)

Endangered

- American Ginseng
- Engelmann's Quillwort
- Loggerhead Shrike (Regulated)
- Peregrine Falcon (Regulated)
- Spotted Turtle
- Wood Turtle

There are six categories of risk assigned to species by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, based primarily on factors such as population size, distribution and trends, and existing threats.

Extinct - A species that no longer exists anywhere.

Extirpated - A species that no longer exists in the wild in Ontario but still occurs elsewhere.

Species in these categories are identified on the provincial **Species at Risk in Ontario List**. The list is updated annually to reflect up-to-date species population information. Currently, 182 species at risk in Ontario are identified on the list, which is available on the Internet at www.ontarioparks.com/saro-list.pdf

The Spotted Turtle is of interest in Haliburton County as its status recently went from Special Concern to Endangered (Not Regulated). This turtle is at greater risk than before, as a result of the multitude of threats faced by Ontario's turtles and snakes. It is worth noting that eight of the 14 species at risk in the county are reptiles.

The threat of road mortality is of particular concern with Haliburton County's reptile species at risk. The death of a single adult can have a significant impact on local population numbers. Adult female turtles are particularly vulnerable during the nesting season from mid-May to mid-June. Blanding's turtles (*photo page 6*), for example, tend to use roads as corridors to access suitable nesting sites at about the same time as the annual influx of cottager and tourist vehicles begin to arrive in the county.

Since reptiles are creatures of habit, they also tend to be very sensitive to habitat loss and fragmentation. The construction of new roads and trails, as well as land development pressure, has led to the fragmentation of reptile

habitat and has caused an increase in human-reptile interactions.

Another of Haliburton County's reptiles is the Eastern Hog-nosed Snake.

Unfortunately, due to its harmless yet defensive behaviour of flaring its neck and mock strikes while hissing loudly, it becomes the victim of unnecessary pursuit by frightened humans. Properly identifying and understanding these species is essential to promoting positive attitudes toward reptiles found in the Haliburton Highlands.

There may be more species at risk that are not permanent residents of the area but that use the county as a corridor. For example, the Great Gray Owl (Special Concern) visits the Highlands every so often, but is not a long-term resident. Certain species have been observed here in the past, but may no longer call Haliburton home.

Both residents and cottagers are strongly encouraged to become involved in reporting sightings of any species at risk to the local Ministry of Natural Resources office. You can also visit the Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC) website and use the online reporting form at http://nhic.mnr.gov.on.ca/nhic_.cfm. The NHIC tracks all rare and at-risk species and natural spaces in Ontario and stores all the information in an extensive database. On the reporting form, note as many characteristics of the species as possible, the surrounding habitat and, if possible, provide a photograph of the species. This information is very important for proper identification and for determining the location of species at risk in the county.

When you're driving the roads of Haliburton County, watch out for wildlife. While turtles are common victims of road injury and mortality, there is an Ontario facility that provides excellent care to seriously injured turtles. The Kawartha Turtle Trauma Centre, based in Peterborough, cares for and rehabilitates injured turtles. Visit them on the web at www.kawarthaturtle.org.

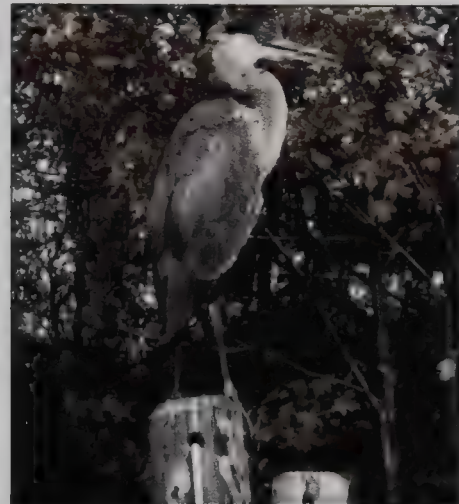
In May and June especially, watch out for turtles crossing the roads. Pull over and help them across, if you can do so safely. Be sure to point them in the direction they were headed.

Just saving one individual can make a big difference!

Species at risk - act today so they have tomorrow



Five-lined Skink Photo Daryl Coulson, OMNR



Great Blue Heron Photo Nicole Tuyten

The Bell rings
Line up and sing
Get used to this life
Get used in this life
Wouldn't it be nice to do just the things
that you like?
It will all get done, just not so fast
Can we slow down and cure this
contagious rush rash?

Jim Agar

Envirobook Interesting Facts

Environment Canada – Quick Facts

- The average Canadian produces five tonnes of greenhouse gases each year.
- Insulating the ceiling or attic of a house can reduce heat loss by 30%
- the largest wetland area in the world is in Canada with 25%
- Canada's rivers and lakes contain enough water to flood the entire country to a depth of more than 2 metres.
- Idling for 10 minutes a day can produce about one-quarter tonne of CO₂ emissions each year and cost you about \$70 in wasted fuel.
- Many homes lose more water from leaky taps than they need for cooking and drinking.
- Each day humans must replace 2.4 litres of water, some through drinking and the rest taken by the body from the foods eaten.
- The world's forests help to determine global temperature. Rainfall and other climatic conditions. Forests are providers and protectors, they maintain ecological diversity, and protect soil from erosion.
- Canada holds 20% of the world's fresh water, but has only 7% fresh renewable water.
- About 71% of the earth is covered with water, only one percent of it is drinkable. Most of it is frozen or salty.
- A thousand tones of meteor dust falls to Earth every day. This might explain why people sneeze all the time.
- There are more than 1500 active volcanoes on Earth.

Rare Species Reporting in Haliburton County

Your Contribution to Conservation

by Simon Dodsworth and Pete Sorrill, Natural Heritage Information Centre

How can you help protect the very species you have searched for and found while communing with nature and gain a little bit of immortality at the same time?

Make a note, even a short one, of exactly where you found it, any noticeable details (suspected species, size, noticeable markings, sex, number etc.) and make sure that there is a permanent record somewhere that you found it.

This has been done for field observations innumerable times over the years. These sightings were often given longevity as notes attached to specimens stored in more permanent facilities such as museums and herbaria. There are some specimens in Ontario herbaria dating from before the 20th century. Today these specimens help us to understand the historic ranges of species, and locate areas where they may still persist. Ontario has a rich history of documenting our natural flora and fauna, through government and non-government organizations, but also, in large part, through individual volunteer effort. What we know about our flora and fauna today is due to the efforts of observers and collectors who have maintained information about populations in field notes, specimens, and now in more easily accessed digital databases that have developed over the past three decades. As a result of all these efforts, there are populations whose details have been studied for over 100 years. For most species however, we don't have all the details necessary to have tracked their growth (or decline) both numerically and spatially, but back then eradication of a species was not of concern:

- People would someday be faced with the challenge of defining exactly where a species population is using technologies such as Global Positioning Systems (GPS) to pinpoint locations within meters rather than by the nearest town; use of detailed topographic maps was not always as widespread within the conservation community as it is now.



Hog-nosed Snake Photo Nicole Tuyten

- Species populations would need to be protected from human-generated threats
- Species populations would be tracked closely as indicators of changes in our environment, both human and natural (e.g. global warming)

- Governments and non-governmental organizations would consider species population viability as part of their criteria for conserving Ontario's significant natural areas
- Information about the rarity of a species within the province would be shared internationally in order to determine global population trends and level of conservation concern

Today, there are a number of venues for reporting rare species sightings, including ongoing atlasing efforts such as the Ontario Herpetofaunal Summary Atlas, naturalist groups, local OMNR (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources) district offices, and the Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC). The NHIC gathers information on rare, threatened and endangered species in Ontario from all of these sources, combines and presents it as comprehensively as possible to those with a need-to-know for conservation.

Biodiversity is all around us, and for many residents of Haliburton County it represents an important source of tourism, fascination, and local pride. Haliburton County has a rich natural heritage, with many different species, some of which are rare, calling it home. Table 1 indicates a list of provincially rare flora and fauna known to occur in Haliburton County. While some locations of these species and many others are documented, undoubtedly there are many others waiting to be found. Should you discover one of these rarities, there are several avenues for you to contribute that knowledge to the NHIC and do your part for the conservation of the species. The Rare Species Field Reporting Form, can be found online at: http://nhic.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/nhic/species/species_report.cfm Simply fill in as many details in relation to your

observation as possible (many are optional) on the on-line form and submit it directly to or print and mail to:

Natural Heritage Information Centre

300 Water Street, 2nd Floor, North Tower

P.O. Box 7000, Peterborough, ON K9J 8M5

Or report the observation to your local OMNR office.

Your contribution will add to the collective knowledge of the species in question, and will serve the broader conservation community of Ontario. There will always be parts of the province where species will persist undetected. Where they have been found and documented though, the NHIC collects or links to that information in order to provide as complete a picture as possible of rare species occurrences in Ontario, in your backyard and ours.



Wood Turtle Photo Nicole Tuyten

Table 1 - Provincially Rare Flora and Fauna in Haliburton County

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME
Vascular Plants		Reptiles	
Algae-like Pondweed	<i>Potamogeton confervoides</i>	Blanding's Turtle	<i>Emydoidea blandingii</i>
American Ginseng	<i>Panax quinquefolius</i>	Eastern Hog-nosed Snake	<i>Heterodon platirhinos</i>
Auricled Twayblade	<i>Listera auriculata</i>	Eastern Ribbonsnake	<i>Thamnophis sauritus</i>
Bayonet Rush	<i>Juncus militaris</i>	Five-lined Skink	<i>Eumeces fasciatus</i>
Carey's Smartweed	<i>Polygonum careyi</i>	Milksnake	<i>Lampropeltis triangulum</i>
Carolina Yellow-eyed-grass	<i>Xyris difformis</i>	Spotted Turtle	<i>Clemmys guttata</i>
Cloud Sedge	<i>Carex haydenii</i>	Stinkpot (Musk Turtle)	<i>Sternotherus odoratus</i>
Engelmann's Quillwort	<i>Isoetes engelmannii</i>	Wood Turtle	<i>Glyptemys insculpta</i>
Flat-stemmed Danthonia	<i>Danthonia compressa</i>	Butterflies	
Goldie's Round-leaved Orchid	<i>Platanthera macrophylla</i>	Pepper and Salt Skipper	<i>Amblyscirtes hegon</i>
Hidden-fruited Bladderwort	<i>Utricularia geminiscapa</i>	Dragonflies and Damselflies	
Large Water-starwort	<i>Callitriche heterophylla</i>	Azure Bluet	<i>Enallagma aspersum</i>
Long Sedge	<i>Carex folliculata</i>	Beaverpond Clubtail	<i>Gomphus borealis</i>
New England Sedge	<i>Carex novae-angliae</i>	Brush-tipped Emerald	<i>Somatochlora walshii</i>
Prickly Hornwort	<i>Ceratophyllum echinatum</i>	Cyrano Darner	<i>Nasiaeschna pentacantha</i>
A Sedge	<i>Carex trisperma var. billingsii</i>	Ebony Boghaunter	<i>Williamsonia fletcheri</i>
Snail-seed Pondweed	<i>Potamogeton bicupulatus</i>	Harpoon Clubtail	<i>Gomphus descriptus</i>
Virginia Meadow-beauty	<i>Rhexia virginica</i>	Kennedy's Emerald	<i>Somatochlora kennedyi</i>
Water Awlwort	<i>Subularia aquatica</i>	Lake Emerald	<i>Somatochlora cingulata</i>
Woodland Cudweed	<i>Gnaphalium sylvaticum</i>	Least Clubtail	<i>Stylogomphus albistylus</i>
Non-vascular Plants		Mottled Darner	<i>Aeshna clepsydra</i>
A Moss	<i>Sphagnum lescurei</i>	Moustached Clubtail	<i>Gomphus adelphus</i>
Birds		Ocellated Emerald	<i>Somatochlora minor</i>
Loggerhead Shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	Ski-tailed Emerald	<i>Somatochlora elongata</i>
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus anatum</i>	Subarctic Bluet	<i>Coenagrion interrogatum</i>
Red-shouldered Hawk	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	Williamson's Emerald	<i>Somatochlora williamsoni</i>
Mammals		Zebra Clubtail	<i>Stylurus scudderii</i>
Eastern Pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus subflavus</i>	Snails	
Northern Long-eared Bat	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Tapered Vertigo	<i>Vertigo elatior</i>
Southern Flying Squirrel	<i>Glaucomys volans</i>		

Out of the Classroom and into the Wild

The Highlands Outdoor Educational Development Program

By Derek Little

For the past six years, during the second semester at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, students have been given the opportunity to obtain a good portion of their education outside of the regular classroom setting. Fifteen to twenty young men and women have been sawing, trapping, hiking, and working their way through the education system following many of the "old school" methodologies. The Highlands Outdoor Educational Development Program believes that hands-on training and practical experience is just as important in developing capable and successful citizens in our community, as a classroom setting. Hence the implementation of many practical training opportunities, a lot of cooperative work experience, numerous community involvement activities, and the development of a skill-based portfolio representing the vast accomplishments of the individuals.

During the semester students receive certifications and training in areas such as Fall Arrest, Fur Harvesting, Conservation and Management, Canadian Firearms and Hunter Safety, Standard First Aid and Wilderness First Aid, Professional Chainsaw Operation, Canadian Safe Boating, WHMIS, Health and Safety, Introduction to Fire Fighting, Emergency Radio Operation, GIS/GPS



Photo Paul Heaven

Operation, as well as numerous other areas. These training opportunities assist many of the students in finding successful employment following high school graduation.

Tied closely to the training are the cooperative work experiences provided for the students. Many community organizations and businesses have opened their doors to the high school program, allowing the students exposure to a hands-on approach

in developing their newly acquired skills. Activities have included trail development and clearing at Camp Adelaide, the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife and Camp Wenona; forestry related topics such as forest management and logging are investigated on a number of local lands; and eco-tourism is investigated through work experiences at many local outdoor education facilities and camps. In all, students are encouraged and able to enjoy many unique practical experiences in an effort to find their niche in the world of full time employment.

The Highlands Outdoor Educational Development Program at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School is a tremendously successful Pathways Program. Kinesthetic learners are finding school a more positive place to develop their skills, and a more enjoyable atmosphere in which to grow and express themselves.

Dr. David Suzuki and Environmental Education

In a surprise move, the Ontario government closed the doors of the Frost Centre in early July 2004. The following letter from Dr. Suzuki was first published in *The Times*, July 8, 2004.

To Whom It May Concern:

Having sat on the Board of a United Nations-established organization, the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, for the past four years, I am very aware of the state of the world's ecosystems. The MEA is the most extensive study (\$24 million, 1,300 scientists from 91 countries) ever carried out of the world's ecosystems and their services. All of humanity is utterly dependent on those numerous services from cleansing and replenishing the atmosphere to filtering of water, renewal of soil, fixing of nitrogen, degradation of dead plants and animals, regrowth of trees, replenishment of fish, etc. It is not the economy that delivers those services, but nature and they make an economy possible.

The MEA conclusions were devastating: the planet's life support systems are terribly degraded and their continued corrosion threatens the very future of humankind. The MEA report was released in late March, and coverage of the report appeared in stories on the inner pages of newspapers, then disappeared because of the Pope's illness.

For the past three decades, leading scientists have been informing us that humanity is undermining the very source of our wealth and well being, the natural world. As we move to cities, a human created environment, it becomes easy to think that it is the economy that delivers services that in fact originate from or end in the earth - garbage disposal, sewage treatment, food, electricity, water, and so on. As our children live increasingly in a cyberworld, they are losing touch with nature and the understanding that without clean air, water, soil and energy, we do not survive. Very few of our business or political leaders really understand that human health, the economy and nature are intimately connected and interdependent.

Never was there a time when we needed more the reinforcement of the knowledge that nature is the source of our well being, that we are not in control of everything and that it is an illusion to think that economic growth is the highest measure of progress. We need to educate children in the role that nature plays in our lives and the best way to get it is through direct experience. Environmental/outdoor education programs must not be considered marginal activities to be sacrificed when times are tough, in fact, they are absolutely crucial if our children today are going to face an uncertain future with any hope of understanding and solution.

Places like the Frost Centre are priceless and will only grow in their importance in the coming years. I urge you to do all you can to make this the centrepiece in a program to educate our youth about the natural world.

Sincerely,

David Suzuki, Chair, The David Suzuki Foundation

Since this letter, the combined concern of the local, the environmental and the education communities has encouraged the province to review its decision to close the Frost. A working group of eminent local citizens has advised the province to reopen the Frost Centre as a centre of environmental educational excellence. The Ontario Realty Corporation is now receiving proposals for the future of the Frost, one of which is being prepared by the Friends of the Frost Centre.

For more information and to support the work of the Friends of the Frost Centre call 1-877-892-9955 or 705-792-9955 or email friendsofthefrostcentre@gmail.com



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Frost Centre

Staging in the Wild

by Claire Heistek

It is an understatement to say that R. Murray Schafer and Peter Schleifenbaum undertook a monumental and creative venture when they agreed to stage Murray's works at the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve over five years. However, since they were partners in previous productions in the Forest, they were quite aware of the challenges and benefits of this unorthodox undertaking. As an audience member, however, one may not completely realize that staging performances in the wild is much more demanding and, in the end, potentially more satisfying venture than staging performances in a theatre or concert hall.

I was one of the lucky audience members of 'The Enchanted Forest' which took place in August, 2005. Simply stated, the story involves the search for a little girl who has wandered off into the forest. Her friends ask the audience to help find her. During the nearly two hour show, the audience and group of children encounter many obstacles as they wander through the forest. There is a magical cast of characters met along the way including Earth Mother, Marsh Hawk, Fenris the Wolf, Stump, White Stag and Shapeshifter. The multi-disciplined production involves actors, musicians, a small children's choir and an audience of 200. The storyline is beautifully linked through performances in small clearings in the forest, along a kilometre long path near Bone Lake, approximately 5 kilometres from the Base Camp of Haliburton Forest.

In staging 'The Enchanted Forest' on pristine Bone Lake, everything had to be done from scratch; an access road, paths for the audience and the performers, clearing of staging and audience viewing areas, etc. These were prepared by staff of Haliburton Forest as well by Ecotourism students from Hocking College in Ohio. Peter and Murray, both conservationists, were very careful to cause minimal impact on the environment. For example, natural clearings

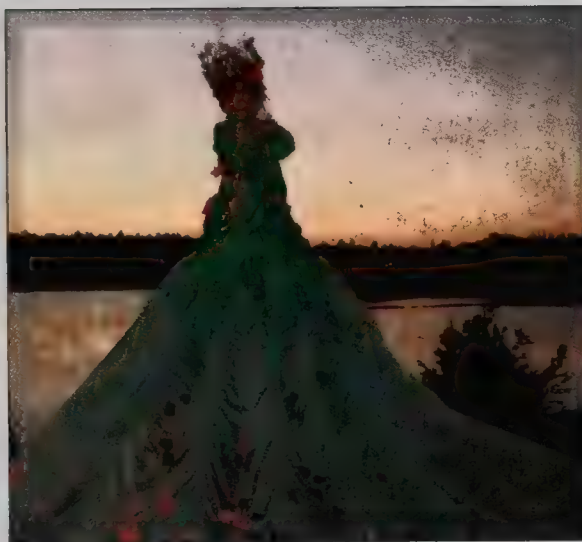


Photo Petris Theatre

were chosen for the paths and open audience spaces. This task was made a little easier by virtue of the fact that this area had experience some tornado damage in 1995.

Though quite time consuming and labour intensive, the clearing is the easy part. Then, the designers arrive. Setting stage areas and providing light in these clearings is quite an undertaking. All specialized materials need to be trucked in, in some cases, from quite a distance. The Forest provided much of the lumber, but thousands of meters of wiring and lamps for the lighting, pre-built sets, tents, costumes, musicians' stands, food for the performers and too many other details to list had to be prepared for the performances.

We must not forget the audience in all this. This unique, outdoor performance asks the audience to move along a hilly trail in the dark, sit on stumps, rocks or wherever there is space on the ground and even fight off mosquitoes during these twilight performances. Furthermore, what about the personnel, musicians and cast? They certainly must be of a special breed. Working in the wild can be very pleasant when the sun is shining and there is a very slight breeze keeping all involved refreshed and free of pesky insects. Haliburton Forest rarely offers these amenities. Though there may be a tent for meetings, costuming, etc. in a central area, the other staging sites only offer nature's natural canopy; an inefficient cover on rainy days to say the least.

However, the old adage "the show must go on" rings very true in this situation. These challenges are met with grit and creativity. You see, all involved in this production believe in the show they are about to give, its uniqueness, geniality and adventure. They are up to the job professionally and personally. They are also eager to participate in this unusual and exciting project. The problems of working in nature also challenge the designers to greater heights of

imagination. This is actually the most important feature of staging in the wild; it is so stimulating it can lead to tremendous resourcefulness and creativity.

As I said, the story is about the search of a child lost in the forest – Ariane. When we finally find her she tells us that she has decided that she belongs in the forest and has decided to stay, but not in such a straightforward manner, naturally.

Towards the end of the show, we come to this large clearing where we hear a beautiful soprano (Ariane) before we can see her. The children who are accompanying us in the search are excited by the sound of her voice but cannot see her. Then, the lighting changes and is centred on a stand of birches in the background. It is difficult, at first, to understand the purpose of the lighting. The song of Ariane is coming from that direction, but where is she? The light brightens and directs us about 10 feet above ground. It takes me a few seconds to sort out what I am seeing. However, there is Ariane standing way up in a "V" created by two white birches that have grown very close together. I can barely see her. She is camouflaged by a costume that allows her to blend into this stand of trees beautifully. Only her face and bare arms suggest a human presence. She has already merged into the forest.



Photo Petris Theatre

This scene only lasted a few minutes, but coupled with the feeling of climax in the story and the magic of Ariane's presence and song, I found this tiny element of 'The Enchanted Forest' just one of the gifts of magic and delight that R. Murray Schafer's forest productions offer me.

Staging R. Murray Schafer's productions offers challenging and provoking opportunities to all involved. Towards the end of the trail, I am very aware that the forest is an impediment to speed, comfort and very expensive to work in. My feet are sore, I feel dusty and exhausted. However, as I come in sight of the lake and hear the song of Earth Mother, I am in awe. Over the glassy lake she appears to hover, a ring of candles and twinkling stars add to the fantastic atmosphere. I am re-enchanted and willing to start all over again.

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Leave No Trace



Black Bear Photo Lynn Landriault

As we venture out to explore the beauty and enjoy the tranquillity of the natural world, whether we are visiting for the day, weekend or we indulge in week long trips, we must remember to travel lightly, taking precautions to ensure the longevity of these natural areas and their inhabitants. We are visitors to the home of a variety of plants and wildlife, whose very existence contribute to all life within its boundaries. Travelling with minimal impact is the contribution we can make to help sustain the existence of the variety of species that live, interact, and support all life in the natural world.

The following is a list of how to reduce our impact to protect these places for us and for future generations.

- Stay on designated trails and when travelling in groups follow in single file. The hiking trail has already degraded the soil, if we hike off trail we generate more damage to vegetation and soil.
- Use designated campsites.
- Do not create a new fire pit as this will degrade soil, vegetation and sensitive habitats, use existing area to build your fire.
- Try to limit the number of camp fires, to reduce the amount of wood being used from the forest.
- Bring out what you brought in. All garbage, containers, gear, etc should leave with you.
- Do not remove flowers and plants. Many plants and flowers provide nutrients for other plants and the soil, as well as provide animals with food.
- Observe wildlife from a distance. This is to ensure your safety as well as the safety of the animals.

The Night Sky - Darker is Better!

by Rick Whitteker

It could be said that the true wildness of a place can be defined by what happens after dark. What lights the night? In more natural settings, as the sun drops below the horizon, the moon's reflection is all that bathes the landscape in a soft, dim glow. However, in more urban areas, the glare of the artificial light dominates, threatening the age old pastime of night sky viewing. Generations of young people are growing up missing the splendour of what lies above them as dark skies become increasingly rare or inaccessible. In Haliburton County, we are lucky to be able to look up on any given cloudless night and take in the bounty of celestial objects without the diluting effects of artificial light.

Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve recognizes the attraction of dark skies. In 2000, they built an observatory, a log building constructed with a roll away roof. The location is perfect, near the Wolf Centre, where in 1995 a two minute tornado took down many of the mature trees in this area. The result was an opportunity. Build a log building from salvaged hemlock with no competition from trees or light, buy three high powered telescopes, some binoculars, a laser pointer, hire a local astronomer and a tourism opportunity is created with a strong educational focus.

The wrinkle in the plan comes from the sky itself... clouds. So in 2003, a small 20-seater planetarium was built adjoining the observatory to give cloudy night guests a sky viewing option. Ingeniously built using a farm silo top, a special projector illuminates the solar system on the round, metal screen above, bringing the night sky indoors on overcast nights.

Haliburton Forest is not the only place demonstrating initiative around recognizing the value and beauty of night time viewing. Halls, Big and Little Hawk Lakes are getting



Photo Haliburton Forest

a little darker these days, making the night sky more vibrant for those lucky folks having cottages or homes on and around these lakes. The initiative to reduce light pollution resulted from the concerns voiced in their Lake Plan Survey of 600 homes and cottages. A resounding 97% of respondents were in favour of reduced outdoor lighting. After sunset, these lakefront landowners want it dark!

Property owners use outdoor lighting for a variety of reasons.

Lights are used to illuminate walkways for safety, to improve security and to provide a beacon for boats coming into dock after dark. However, light often spills over on to the neighbour's property, shines up into the trees and the sky and reflects off the water. The result is light pollution, effectively reducing others' enjoyment of the night sky and creating unnecessary tension between lakefront residents.

The International Dark-Sky Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the night sky through education. In one of their information sheets entitled, "Light Pollution – Theft of the Night", they recommend the following:

- Use good quality light fixtures and lights
- Shine the light down where it is needed, we don't live in trees so why light them?
- Use light controls (dimmers and motion detectors) to ensure light is only there when needed
- Minimize glare and light diffusion with proper fixtures and installations
- Use the right amount of light for the task. Going from over-lit areas to dark areas means that you won't be able to see very well when away from the light
- Use energy efficient light sources. Low pressure sodium lamps (LPS) are the most efficient and are preferred by astronomers



The Observatory Photo Haliburton Forest

The Halls, Big and Little Hawk Lakes Property Owners Association raised awareness of dark skies issues by offering workshops and a special Dark Skies Night event. They recommended property

owners turn off their lights when they don't need them and set lights close to the ground thereby illuminating only the area where walking may be hazardous. Owners were made aware of low cut off lights, those that focus the beam on specific spots reducing spillover into the surrounding environment.

The Dark Skies Night in August of 2005 gave lakefront property owners a chance to learn about the values of darkness and how the eye works at night. The Association invited local naturalists from Out to Learn and members of the Peterborough Astronomical Society to do presentations to their members. The property owners learned to look at darkness from a different perspective.

For example, they learned that our eyes work on two fundamentally different systems to adjust to dim and bright light. One component of the eye is the pupil which dilates and constricts to allow in varying degrees of light. The other element of the eye is the photosensitive cells in the eyes known as rods and cones. Cones help us detect colour, rods are the night-time performers working by virtue of a chemical called rhodopsin. The human eye takes time to adjust to the dark, usually anywhere from 20 to 30 minutes away from light. Light is the nemesis for good star gazing, one beam of a flashlight in the eyes can set your night vision back to the beginning.

Members also learned that some animals need darkness to survive, hunting only at night; the cloak of darkness tips the advantage in some predators' direction allowing them to take advantage of their highly evolved nocturnal adaptations. Some insects and plants key in on the light/dark interface of the day and night, triggering responses which can affect anything from mating behaviour to pollination. Moths, turtles and fireflies can all have their light-based cues messed up by artificial night light.

The Dark Sky Event also included a presentation by members of the Peterborough Astronomical Society on star gazing. Although having to use slides due to cloud cover, they were still effective in

getting a clear message across; there is an amazing world above us that can only be truly appreciated in complete darkness.

The night sky free of light is a wild and wondrous place. Down at the dock, out on a lake, in your backyard, turn off the lights and lift your eyes to the sky. Perhaps join an astronomy program, buy a star chart or just get comfortable and look up. Marvel at the sheer magnitude of the universe. There is so much to learn, to discuss, to reflect and theorize on a starry night. Shared moments under the stars are cherished times. Be sure to pause and be thankful for the added value that dark skies bring to life in Haliburton County.



Hare Litter Photo Brent Wootten

Love gives birth to the living
Without love
Life does not exist
In the light life remains healthy
Health provides the conditions for happiness to bloom
Understanding happiness is to love living
And to love life is to inspire growth

Nate Smelle

Sacred Is The Wild

by Nate Smelle

Looking upon the Earth as a living and breathing organism that flourishes according to the well-balanced health of the various interconnected systems and processes that define it, one can easily recognize the fragility of our place as Human animals within the harmoniously ever-fluctuating cycles of Nature. For over five hundred years western civilization has attempted to achieve a better understanding of this mysteriously self-regulating harmony by isolating, observing and experimenting with certain organisms, in order to gain greater power over the natural world, and thus improve the status of the Human species within the larger biotic community. Although this approach has helped us develop so many convenient technologies that artificially replace specific natural occurrences which our species demands with ready-made reproductions that can immediately satisfy our most trivial desires, it fails to adequately provide us with an ecologically sustainable means of maintaining a healthy and happy existence.

We now can manipulate science and technology to reveal to us explanations regarding certain aspects of that which remains unknown to us, however the ultimate nature of this 'Great Mystery' remains necessarily beyond the scope of mere Human reason. For instance, we can learn this or that about what enables a fish to breathe underwater, or how a bird flies, but it is not within our potential to experientially understand and enjoy these natural functions in the same way as the fish and the birds. We can explore the depths of this planet's marine environment, or fly around the globe with the drop of a dollar, yet is it possible for us to know exactly what it is like to partake in



Barred Owl Photo Nate Smelle

a winged-migration, or swim hundreds of miles back to the home waters in which we were spawned, as the Wild Salmon do on their quest to continue the species? Of course not; we are Human animals born without wings, gills or fins. We may not possess these attributes that give fish and birds the competitive advantage over us to live underwater or fly through the sky, however, we can use our intellect to create technologies and techniques that enable us to imitate these skills to some degree that our species may benefit from them.

In recognizing that all benefits inevitably come with a cost we are compelled to question whether such privileges attained as a result of our intellectual prowess are worth the costs that deliver them to us. Intellectually spawned technologies like the computer and satellite television allow us to communicate as a species to one another around the globe with the press of a button and some will argue that this has in fact brought us closer together. For example, we now can record sounds and images of reality on our cell-phones and transmit them to each other via email almost immediately after they occur. If for some reason we have missed any so-called important information beyond the range of our personal communicative technologies we can just flip on the satellite television and catch the daily news from around the world to fill in the blanks. It is here that those who question the quality of this anthropocentrically inspired technological advantage take issue with the consequences that these so-called benefits produce within the larger biotic community.

Many believe that filling in these blank spaces with useless information and entertainment distracts our species from the natural rhythms of the Earth. Without

these moments of emptiness that help to compose our existence can we truly become aware of the fullness of our potential for maximum self-realization? What would the daylight hours reveal to us without the restful cover of the night? What would waking life be like without sleep and dreamtime? It is that which remains hidden by this Great Mystery that inspires the imagination and encourages consciousness to grow.

As we are continuously bombarded with more and more information and technological distractions, the moments between our thoughts become few and far between. With this decline one might ask; 'what is wrong with decreasing these moments of thoughtlessness, will this not increase our awareness and knowledge of the natural world?' Perhaps if our thoughts were directed on truly improving the quality of life for the Human species by harmonizing our actions with the sacred balance of nature, less thoughtlessness could possibly have a beneficial influence on our species and the planet.

This, however, is not the case. Rather than focusing our intellectual attention upon the natural world and the place of our species within it we have become mesmerized by our obsession with the technological comforts that we have invented to overcome the inevitable conditions that arise from being inseparably involved in the interconnected systems and processes of nature. Although the time we spend thinking has increased with the amount of things we have manufactured to think about, the lack of response from our species in regard to the current ecological crisis we are causing does not imply that we have a very deep understanding of our place within the biotic community.

Like we breathe in and out, our minds take in information by interpreting the environment of which we are a part, transforming and expressing this interpretation as a response. In observing this order it becomes obvious that the more our mind is preoccupied with thinking about relatively useless information, the less time it has to process these thoughts into a naturally appropriate response. Satellite television and the internet now expose us to a nearly infinite multitude of recorded images and sounds from nature's most wild places and creatures. These images and sounds fragmented and distorted from their natural context are lacking in scent, taste and touch, thus providing us with an insufficient understanding of the mysterious essence of the wild from which all life is spontaneously produced. It does not matter how long you stare at a wild strawberry on the television or computer screen, you can not taste it, and it will not nourish you until you actually find, pick and eat it.



Beaver Photo Linda Middleton

Since it is true that as Ursula Franklin says "You just can not opt out of nature (Franklin, U., 1990)", the more we come to understand nature's rhythms and cycles the more we shall come to understand ourselves. The wild is the potential from which life has evolved. It is within us as individuals and without us in every moment of existence that evades our complete understanding. It is the essence of everything that is as it should be. The wild is sacred. It is nature, naturally evolving. A well-balanced ecosystem that is not dominated by a single species evolves in a way that allows for the maximum bio-diversity of species to flourish in an ever-harmonizing state of sustainable co-existence. Never before has the Human species been so well-informed of how our actions are influencing the rest of the Earth. Advancements in communications technologies have virtually eliminated the viability of Human ignorance as a rational excuse for continuing to disrespect nature in the manner we have throughout the short history of our species. If we are to flourish in balance with the rest of the natural world our species must adopt a way of living that embraces the wild as the sacred breeding ground of life by recognizing the intrinsic value of all that is living.

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Pileated Woodpecker Photo Lyn Thompson

So full of life

The Pileated Woodpecker clings gently
to the standing dead Red Oak
Listening for a whisper of movement
beneath the crumbling bark
Digging only as deep as necessary
for it to continue on the path of self-
understanding

Embracing the stillness

The Barred Owl waits patiently for the
sound of motion
Discovering the disadvantages of having
an advantage

So deeply embedded in the thriving
that surrounds and composes every little
thing

no matter how big or small, that action
only occurs when the rhythm calls
when the fruit has fallen from the
branch to the Earth
to feed the soil and subdue the hunger
that consumes every one of us

Nate Smelle

Do Something Wild and Crazy Spend a Day at the Farm

Winter, spring, summer or fall, Waverley Brook Farm is hosting a wide range of home spun events. Experience the elements of earth, air, fire, water, and ethereal on the four seasons farm. "Grab life by the horns" and improve your health and the health of the environment.

Right from the farm gate, you will be greeted by "Pandy", the border collie and escorted to meet the other farm animals on the rolling hills of the Haliburton Highlands. The Tylers at Waverley Brook Farm have a basic focus of stewardship on the land in the community. Godfrey & Jean, along with their children Sam and Joan, Godfrey's dad Charlie, and the new couple on the farm, Megan Marchant and Marcus Stong, are creating the space for visitors to come experience caring for the earth and having fun on the land. Expand your thinking from a "high tech" box and shrink your foot print on the earth with a lower impact on the planet.

Slowing down to watch the wind blow while it makes music... gives you a feel of what one of the experiences could be in the Art of Farming. You can be involved in creating your own learning experience on the land. Three generations of the Tyler family will help open the mysteries of the elements and kingdoms using the five senses in the real world. There is a week long course, a day experience, or a tour to fit the time table of your family.

Look at the experiences as ways to regenerate your senses to the world around you. Critical issues in our world today are health care and environment. The big questions are looming over everyone, making the next step a difficult one to increase your own health and the health of the planet. To discover the "wild" in this day and age you may need to look long and hard to find an untouched piece of land. However the journey into your heart and soul is close by as you look and listen to the birds, smell the flowers, feel the breeze and taste the leaf all a new. Re-discover the down to earth farm life in a rural setting.

Make this the year you do something wild and crazy. Take the time on your own or as a family. Call Jean at 705-457-2214 to find out more about what is happening with the "Art of Farming". There is a way to enjoy creation all around you that would be helpful for the earth; take the challenge and reduce, recycle, reuse. The Art of Farming gives you the experiences to retool.



**Municipality of Dysart et al
NOTICE TO ALL RATEPAYERS**

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

will be held on Saturday, August 12th, 2006
from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
at the Haliburton Landfill Site

For further information please call: 705-457-1740

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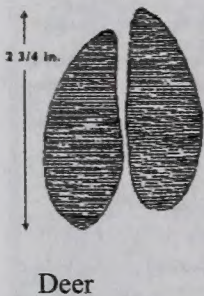
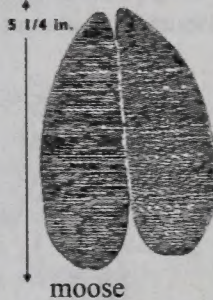
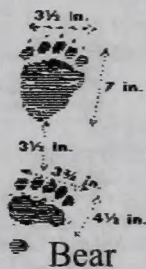
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What Animal is it?



"Bear Falls" print - 17 Hidden Bears



Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Household hazardous waste is potentially dangerous to the environment and humans, especially Landfill Attendants and Recycling Facility workers. The best way to reduce the risks associated with toxic household products is to reduce the amount that you use! When considering the purchase of a hazardous household item, try to find a non-toxic alternative.

DO NOT DISPOSE OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE WITH YOUR REGULAR HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE OR RECYCLABLES

To Safely Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste, Residents & Tax Payers of The Municipality of Highlands East may take Advantage of the following Events:

1 day, 4 hour Household Hazardous Waste Event Ward 4 Landfill Site on Highway 118

between Wilberforce and Tory Hill
(please present to Landfill Attendant your Landfill Card)

July 15, 2006
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

NEW IN 2006!

Highlands East residents may now also participate in Household Hazardous Waste events at the

Bancroft Public Works Yard Household Hazardous Waste Site

125 Monck Street (Highway 28), Bancroft

**May 13, June 17, July 22,
August 19 & September 30, 2006**
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Items accepted include:

Paint • Stain • Cleaners • Batteries • Medicines
Pesticides • Auto Products • Propane Tanks

Contact the Environmental Department
at 613-339-2442 should you have any questions
regarding the above information.

Haliburton - Muskoka Children's Water Festival

September 27th - 29th, 2006

From 9:30am to 2:30pm at the
Kinark Outdoor Centre



Haliburton-Muskoka
Children's
Water Festival

Hundreds of students from the Trillium Lakelands District School Board will be participating in the second annual Haliburton - Muskoka Children's Water Festival. The goal of the Water Festival is to shape children's attitudes about the importance of water in their lives and its use, consumption and protection.

**IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN BECOMING
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Contact:

Kyla Greenham, Festival Coordinator

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THE HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL presents for 2006/07

Enviro Fair

Exhibitors from throughout the county and province will be showcasing land and resource stewardship services, programs and products. There will be live music, entertainment, a silent auction and plenty of activities for kids!

Location: Stanhope Community Centre

Date: July 08, 2006, 9am-4:30pm

Lakeland Conference VI

Your lake, your health, your future; a conference focusing on Climate Change Impact and Influence on lakes and dealing with issues for landowners wanting to maintain a healthy lakeshore.

Location: Buckhorn Community Centre

Date: September 30, 2006, 8:30am—3:30pm

Junior Naturalist Camp

Day camp filled with activities, games and crafts for young nature enthusiasts aged 7 - 10. Come explore our natural world.

Haliburton, July 17-21

Minden, August 14-18

For more information:

Visit www.ontariostewardship.org/Haliburton
Contact: Nicole Tuyten, Stewardship Coordinator
(705) 286-5206 or nicole.tuyten@mnr.gov.on.ca

Stewardship Series

Birds in Your Woodlot - Kinark Outdoor Centre, Friday, May 26, 2006, 9am-3pm

Management Options in Your Woodlot - Dorset Recreation Centre, Friday, September 15, 2006, 9am-3pm

Wildlife in Your Woodlot—Furbearers - Kinark Outdoor Centre, Friday, October 27, 2006, 9am-3pm

Maple Syrup—Operations and Opportunities - Dorset Recreation Centre, Monday, February 19, 2007, 9am-3pm

Discovery Days

Wildlife CSI - Gooderham Community Centre, Wednesday July 12th, 2006 1:30pm - 5:30pm

Going Squirrely: A Research Adventure - Leslie M. Frost Natural Resource Centre, Wednesday July 19th, 2006, 9:30am - 12:30pm

Forest for the Trees - Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve Ltd., Wednesday July 26th, 2006, 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Why Wetlands - 1126 Warder Rd, Lochlin, Wednesday August 2nd, 2006, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

In Search of Old Growth - Opposite Lot 20, West Shore Rd, Wednesday, August 9th, 2006, 11am—4:30pm

Geocaching: A GPS Treasure Hunt - Kinark Outdoor Centre, Wednesday August 16th, 2006, 9:30am - 12:30pm

The Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council promotes and supports the wise stewardship of natural resources in the Haliburton Highlands.



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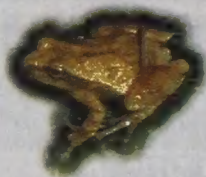
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Which one belongs on the endangered species list?



Bear in mind... a breath of fresh air is coming to Haliburton County!

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The ban protects everyone from the dangers of deadly second-hand smoke!

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